

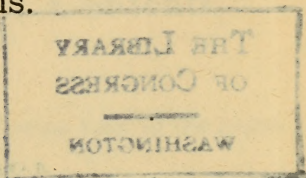




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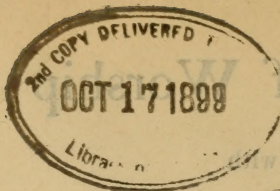
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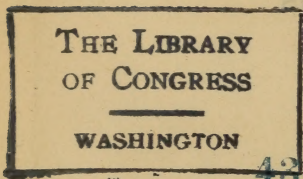
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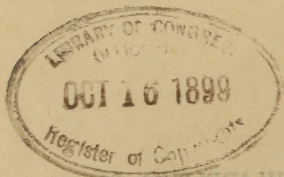
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CHURCH FESTIVALS

RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL SYNOD.

- I. CHRISTMAS.
- II. GOOD FRIDAY.
- III. EASTER.
- IV. ASCENSION-DAY.
- V. WHIT-SUNDAY.

Order of Public Worship.

Morning Service.

¶ *The Minister shall begin the Service by reading one or more of the following sentences.*

IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Lord is in His Holy Temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.

From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same, my Name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my Name, and a pure offering: for my Name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of Hosts.

O Lord, open Thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise. For Thou desirest not sacrifice, else would I give it; Thou delightest not in burnt offerings. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Morning Service.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

The Congregation arise and remain standing till the end of the Creed.

¶ *Then shall be said or sung the*

Gloria Patri.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say*

The Confession of Sin.

DEARLY Beloved: The Holy Scriptures declare, that when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. The sacrifices of God are a broken and a contrite heart. To the Lord belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against Him. Let us there-

Morning Service.

fore confess our sins unto our Father, with sincere, humble, and obedient hearts, that we may obtain remission of the same by His infinite goodness and mercy.

LET US PRAY.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, unto whom all hearts are open, and all desires are known, all whose commandments are just, necessary, and good; we confess unto Thee, that we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But enter not, we beseech Thee, into judgment with us; for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified. As Thou desirest not the death of a sinner, but that he may turn from his wickedness and live—have mercy, O Lord, upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou those, O God, who confess their faults.

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Restore Thou those who are truly penitent, according to Thy gracious promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy name, through Thy blessed Son, our Mediator and Redeemer.

¶ *Then shall be said or sung the*

Kyrie.

O GOD, the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us!

O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us!

O God, the Holy Ghost, have mercy upon us, and grant us Thy peace! Amen.

¶ *Then may the Minister say this prayer, or it may be omitted.*

O ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, who of Thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto Thee; have mercy upon us,

Morning Service.

pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Apostles' Creed be said by the Minister and the Congregation.*

Apostles' Creed.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into the place of departed spirits; The third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church; The communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Morning Service.

¶ *Then shall be sung the Te Deum Laudamus, or the Gloria in Excelsis, as here followeth.*

Gloria in Excelsis.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory; O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty!

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Morning Service.

¶ *Then shall follow the*

Reading of the Scriptures.

Hymn.

Prayer.

Hymn.

Collection.

Sermon.

¶ *Then shall the Minister offer a brief prayer, which may close with the Lord's Prayer, in which the people may join ; and it is fitting they should do so whenever it occurs in public worship.*

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, who art in heaven ; Hallowed be Thy Name ; Thy kingdom come ; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven ; Give us this day our daily bread ; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us ; And lead us not into temptation ; But deliver us from evil ; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Morning Service.

¶ *Then shall follow a*

Hymn,

and the

Benediction.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen.

Or,

The Lord bless thee and keep thee ;

The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee ;

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen.

¶ *After the Benediction, the Congregation, still standing, should offer silent prayer.*

Evening Service.

¶ *The Service shall begin with one of the following Invitatories.
The Invitatory may be said responsively by the Minister
and Congregation.*

The Invitatory.

1. DEUS MISEREATUR. Ps. lxxvii.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us :
And cause His face to shine upon us.
That Thy way may be known upon earth ;
Thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise Thee, O God : Let
all the people praise Thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase :
And God, even our own God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us : And all the ends of
the earth shall fear Him.

2. JUBILATE DEO. Ps. c.

MAKE a joyful noise unto the Lord, all
ye lands : Serve the Lord with glad-
ness ; come before His presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord He is God ; It is
He that hath made us, and not we our-
selves : We are His people, and the sheep
of His pasture.

Evening Service.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.

For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting: And His truth endureth to all generations.

3. VENITE EXULTEMUS DOMINO. Ps. xciv.

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord: Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving: And make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: And a great King above all gods.

In His hand are the deep places of the earth: The strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, and He made it: And His hands formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down: Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For He is our God: And we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

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4. LAETATUS SUM. Ps. cxxii.

I WAS glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord; our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: They shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls: And prosperity within thy palaces.

5. LAVABO INTER INNOCENTES. Ps. xxvi.

I WILL wash mine hands in innocency; So will I compass Thine Altar, O Lord.

That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving: And tell of all Thy wondrous works.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house: And the place where Thine honor dwelleth.

¶ *Then shall be said or sung the Gloria Patri, the Congregation standing.*

Gloria Patri.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Evening Service.

¶ *Then may the Minister say the Confession of Sins as here followeth. The Congregation standing until the end of the Kyrie, or the Minister may omit all until the end of the Kyrie, at his discretion.*

The Confession of Sins.

DEARLY Beloved: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us therefore confess our sins unto God our heavenly Father, and humbly beseech Him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

LET US PRAY.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; we poor sinners acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against Thy Divine Majesty. We have provoked Thy wrath and indignation against us, and deserve at Thy hands the punishment due to the guilty. But we do earnestly repent,

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and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; and we beseech Thee, of Thy great goodness, to have mercy upon us. Pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life; for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

¶ *Then shall the Congregation sing or say the*

Kyrie.

LORD, have mercy upon us:

L Christ, have mercy upon us!

Lord, have mercy upon us! Amen.

Or this:

O GOD the Father in heaven; have mercy upon us!

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world; have mercy upon us!

O God the Holy Ghost; have mercy upon us, and grant us Thy peace! Amen.

¶ *The Minister here readeth a lesson from the Old Testament, after which the following Canticle shall be sung; or, if but one lesson is used, this may be omitted.*

LEVAVI OCVLUS MEOS. Ps. cxxxi.

I WILL lift up mine eyes *unto the hills,*
from *whence cometh my help.*

Evening Service.

My help cometh *from the Lord* which *made heaven and earth.*

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved ;
He that *keepeth thee* will not slumber.

Behold, he that *keepeth Israel*, shall *neither slumber nor sleep.*

The Lord *is thy keeper* ; The Lord *is thy*
shade upon *thy right hand.*

The sun shall not *smite thee by day*, nor
the moon *by night.*

The Lord shall preserve thee *from all*
evil ; He shall preserve *thy soul.*

The Lord shall preserve thy going out,
and thy *coming in*, from this time forth, and
even for evermore.

Glory be to the Father, and *to the Son*,
and *to the Holy Ghost* ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world *without end.* Amen.

Or this :

BONUM EST CONFITERI. Ps. xcii.

IT is a good thing to give thanks *unto the*
Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy
name, O Most Highest.

To tell of Thy loving kindness *early in the*
morning, and of Thy *truth in the night* season.

Upon an instrument of ten strings, and

Evening Service.

upon the lute; upon a loud instrument, and upon the harp.

For Thou, Lord, hast made me glad *through Thy works*, and I will rejoice in giving praise for the *operations of Thy hands*.

Glory be to the Father, and *to the Son*, and *to the Holy Ghost*;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and *ever shall be*, world *without end*. Amen.

Or this:

THE MAGNIFICAT. Luke i.

MY soul doth *magnify the Lord*: and my spirit hath *rejoiced in God my Saviour*.

For He *hath regarded*: the low estate of *His handmaiden*.

For behold, *from henceforth*: all generations shall call me *blessed*.

For He that is mighty hath done to me *great things*: and *holy is His name*.

And His mercy is on *them that fear Him*: from *generation to generation*.

He hath showed strength *with His arm*: He hath scattered the proud in the *imagination of their hearts*.

He hath put down the mighty *from their seats*: and exalted *them of low degree*.

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He hath filled the hungry *with good things*: and the rich He *hath sent empty away*.

He hath holpen His servant Israel, in remembrance of *His mercy*: as He spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and *to his seed, forever*.

Glory be to the Father, and *to the Son*, and *to the Holy Ghost*;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and *ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

¶ *The Minister then readeth a Lesson from the New Testament.
And after that followeth*

Hymn or Anthem.

Prayer.

Hymn.

Collection.

Sermon.

Prayer. (Lord's Prayer.)

Hymn.

Doxology.

Benediction.

¶ *After the Benediction, the Congregation, still standing, should offer silent prayer.*

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Preface.

THE Order of Public Worship, which is here offered for the use of Evangelical Lutheran congregations, was compiled by a joint committee appointed by the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod in the South. It is the answer to a long-felt desire on the part of the people for a more general agreement in forms of worship among those who adhere to the Augsburg Confession. To many it seemed strange that a historical Church should be without a historical Liturgy. For, although the Confession teaches that "unto the true unity of the Church, it is sufficient to agree concerning the doctrine of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments," and that it is not "necessary that human traditions, rites or ceremonies, instituted by men, should be alike everywhere," the Lutheran Reformers nevertheless ordered the forms of worship as far as was expedient and possible in harmony with the usages of the ancient Church.

But, in the exercise of their Christian liberty, they made such changes and adaptations as circumstances required. Thus it came to pass that even in the Sixteenth Century a great number of Orders of Worship appeared, alike, it is true, in their principal features, yet varying from each other in minor particulars. In the course of succeeding centuries other changes and omissions occurred, until at last in many places but few traces of the Ancient Service remained.

The revival of our Church life which has distinguished the Nineteenth Century brought with it in many minds the de-

Preface.

sire for a restoration of the Services belonging to the youth and formative period of our Evangelical Church. Those Services, it was hoped, would prove to be not only a fitting mode of worship, but also a valuable bond of union among the separate branches of our Church. Hence it was agreed by the General Bodies concerned in this work of securing a Common Service that the basis should be the "common consent of the pure Lutheran liturgies of the Sixteenth Century." On such a basis individual views and preferences must yield to the demands of historical facts and of general usage.

But, while it has been desirable to return to the forms of worship used by our fathers, it is not thereby implied that the Church had its real beginning and its full completion in the Sixteenth Century. The spirit of true worship is older than the Reformation, and has found expression in many other forms than those which we have inherited in the Western Church and through the medium of the German Reformation. Nor is it meant by this Order to restrain or to limit the development of Christian worship in any forms that are consistent with the teachings of God's word.

This Service accordingly is not presented as obligatory upon the congregations. It is commended to them so long as its use serves to edification. Or, if the full Service is not desired, it is in conformity with Lutheran usage to follow a simpler form in which only the principal parts in their order are used. But for those who desire the complete Service, ample provision has here been made.

Whitsuntide, 1888.

Festivals of the Church.

I.

Immovable Festivals.

Christmas, or the Nativity of our Lord, December 25.

The Circumcision of Christ and New Year's Day, January 1.

The Epiphany, or the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles, January 6.

The Presentation of Christ, February 2.

The Festival of the Reformation, October 31.

II.

Movable Festivals.

RULES

TO FIND THE MOVABLE FESTIVALS.

THE *Movable Festivals* all depend upon *Easter* except *Advent*.

Advent Sunday is always the nearest *Sunday* to the thirtieth day of *November*, whether before or after.

Easter is always the first *Sunday* after the Full Moon which happens upon, or next after the twenty-first day of *March*; and if the Full Moon happen upon a *Sunday*, *Easter* is the *Sunday* after.

The time of *Easter* being found, the other *Festivals* occur as follows:

Festivals of the Church.

Septuagesima Sunday is nine weeks before *Easter*.

Ash Wednesday, or the beginning of *Lent*, is forty-six days before *Easter*.

Palm Sunday, or the beginning of *Holy Week*, is eight days before *Easter*.

Holy Thursday is the *Thursday* before *Easter*.

Good Friday is the *Friday* before *Easter*.

Ascension Day is forty days after *Easter*.

Whitsun-Day is seven weeks after *Easter*.

Trinity Sunday is eight weeks after *Easter*.

A TABLE OF THE DAYS ON WHICH EASTER WILL FALL FROM
1892-2003.

1892	April	17	1920	April	4	1948	March	28	1976	April	18
1893	"	2	1921	March	27	1949	April	17	1977	"	10
1894	March	25	1922	April	16	1950	"	9	1978	March	26
1895	April	14	1923	"	1	1951	March	25	1979	April	15
1896	"	5	1924	"	20	1952	April	13	1980	"	6
1897	"	18	1925	"	12	1953	"	5	1981	"	19
1898	"	10	1926	"	4	1954	"	18	1982	"	11
1899	"	2	1927	"	17	1955	"	10	1983	"	3
1900	"	15	1928	"	8	1956	"	1	1984	"	22
1901	"	7	1929	March	31	1957	"	21	1985	"	7
1902	March	30	1930	April	20	1958	"	6	1986	March	30
1903	April	12	1931	"	5	1959	March	29	1987	April	19
1904	"	3	1932	March	27	1960	April	17	1988	"	3
1905	"	23	1933	April	16	1961	"	2	1989	March	26
1906	"	15	1934	"	1	1962	"	22	1990	April	15
1907	March	31	1935	"	21	1963	"	14	1991	March	31
1908	April	19	1936	"	12	1964	March	29	1992	April	19
1909	"	11	1937	March	28	1965	April	18	1993	"	11
1910	March	27	1938	April	17	1966	"	10	1994	"	3
1911	April	16	1939	"	9	1967	March	26	1995	"	16
1912	"	7	1940	March	24	1968	April	14	1996	"	7
1913	March	23	1941	April	13	1969	"	6	1997	March	30
1914	April	12	1942	"	5	1970	March	29	1998	April	12
1915	"	4	1943	"	25	1971	April	11	1999	"	4
1916	"	23	1944	"	9	1972	"	2	2000	"	23
1917	"	8	1945	"	1	1973	"	22	2001	"	15
1918	March	31	1946	"	21	1974	"	14	2002	March	31
1919	April	20	1947	"	6	1975	March	30	2003	April	20

A TABLE OF THE MOVABLE FESTIVALS,
According to the several days that Easter can possibly fall upon.

EASTER.		Sundays after Epiphany.*		Septuagesima Sunday.		Ash Wednes- day.		Ascension Day.		Whitsun-Day.		Sundays after Trinity.		First Advent Sunday.
March	22	1	Jan.	18	Feb.	4	April	30	May	10	27	Nov.	29	
"	23	1	"	19	"	5	May	1	"	11	27	"	30	
"	24	1	"	20	"	6	"	2	"	12	27	Dec.	1	
"	25	2	"	21	"	7	"	3	"	13	27	"	2	
"	26	2	"	22	"	8	"	4	"	14	27	"	3	
"	27	2	"	23	"	9	"	5	"	15	26	Nov.	27	
"	28	2	"	24	"	10	"	6	"	16	26	"	28	
"	29	2	"	25	"	11	"	7	"	17	26	"	29	
"	30	2	"	26	"	12	"	8	"	18	26	"	30	
"	31	2	"	27	"	13	"	9	"	19	26	Dec.	1	
April	1	3	"	28	"	14	"	10	"	20	26	"	2	
"	2	3	"	29	"	15	"	11	"	21	26	"	3	
"	3	3	"	30	"	16	"	12	"	22	25	Nov.	27	
"	4	3	"	31	"	17	"	13	"	23	25	"	28	
"	5	3	Feb.	1	"	18	"	14	"	24	25	"	29	
"	6	3	"	2	"	19	"	15	"	25	25	"	30	
"	7	3	"	3	"	20	"	16	"	26	25	Dec.	1	
"	8	4	"	4	"	21	"	17	"	27	25	"	2	
"	9	4	"	5	"	22	"	18	"	28	25	"	3	
"	10	4	"	6	"	23	"	19	"	29	24	Nov.	27	
"	11	4	"	7	"	24	"	20	"	30	24	"	28	
"	12	4	"	8	"	25	"	21	"	31	24	"	29	
"	13	4	"	9	"	26	"	22	June	1	24	"	30	
"	14	4	"	10	"	27	"	23	"	2	24	Dec.	1	
"	15	5	"	11	"	28	"	24	"	3	24	"	2	
"	16	5	"	12	March	1	"	25	"	4	24	"	3	
"	17	5	"	13	"	2	"	26	"	5	23	Nov.	27	
"	18	5	"	14	"	3	"	27	"	6	23	"	28	
"	19	5	"	15	"	4	"	28	"	7	23	"	29	
"	20	5	"	16	"	5	"	29	"	8	23	"	30	
"	21	5	"	17	"	6	"	30	"	9	23	Dec.	1	
"	22	6	"	18	"	7	"	31	"	10	23	"	2	
"	23	6	"	19	"	8	June	1	"	11	23	"	3	
"	24	6	"	20	"	9	"	2	"	12	22	Nov.	27	
"	25	6	"	21	"	10	"	3	"	13	22	"	28	

* In a Leap Year, the number of Sundays after Epiphany is the same as if Easter had fallen one day later than it really does ; and Septuagesima Sunday and Ash Wednesday fall one day later than that given in the Table, unless the table gives some day in March for Ash Wednesday ; for in that case the day in the Table is right.

TABLE OF THE EPISTLES AND GOSPELS
For the Sundays and Festivals of the Church Year.

SUNDAYS AND CHIEF FESTIVALS.	EPISTLES.	GOSPELS.
1 <i>Sunday in Advent,</i> —	Romans — xiii. 11-14	Matthew — xxi. 1-9
2 —————	————— xv. 4-13	Luke — xxi. 25-36
3 —————	1 Cor. ————— iv. 1-5	Matthew — xi. 2-10
4 —————	Philippians — iv. 4-7	John ——— i. 19-28
<i>Christmas Day,</i> —————	Tit. ii 11-14; Isa. ix. 2-7	Luke ——— ii. 1-14
2 —————	————— Tit. iii. 4-7	————— ii. 15-20
<i>Sunday after Christmas,</i> —	Galatians ——— iv. 1-7	————— ii. 33-40
<i>Circumcision,</i> —————	————— iii. 23-29	————— ii. 21
<i>Sunday after New Year,</i> —	1 Peter ——— iv. 12-19	Matthew — ii. 13-23
<i>Epiphany,</i> —————	Isaiah ——— ix. 1-6	————— ii. 1-12
1 <i>Sunday after Epiphany,</i> —	Romans ——— xii. 1-5	Luke ——— ii. 41-52
2 —————	————— xii. 6-16 ^a	John ——— ii. 1-11
3 —————	————— xii. 16-21 ^b	Matthew — viii. 1-13
4 —————	————— xiii. 8-10	————— viii. 23-27
5 —————	Colossians — iii. 12-17	————— xiii. 24-30
6 —————	2 Peter ——— i. 16-21	————— xvii. 1-9
<i>Presentation of Christ,</i> —	Malachi ——— iii. 1-4	Luke ——— ii. 22-32
<i>Septuagesima Sunday,</i> —	1 Cor. ——— ix. 24 — x. 5	————— xx. 1-16
<i>Sexagesima Sunday,</i> ———	2 ——— xi. 19 — xii. 9	Luke ——— viii. 4-15
<i>Quinquagesima Sunday,</i> —	1 ——— xiii. 1-13	————— xviii. 31-43
<i>Ash Wednesday,</i> —————	Joel ——— ii. 12-19	Matthew — vi. 16-21
1 <i>Sunday in Lent.</i> —————	2 Cor. ——— vi. 1-10	————— iv. 1-11
2 —————	1 Thess. ——— iv. 1-7	————— xv. 21-28
3 —————	Ephesians ——— v. 1-9	Luke ——— xi. 14-26
4 —————	Galatians ——— iv. 21-31	John ——— vi. 1-15
5 —————	Hebrews ——— ix. 11-15	————— viii. 46-59
6 —————	Philippians — ii. 5-11	Matthew — xxi. 1-9
<i>Monday in Holy Week,</i> —	Isaiah ——— l. 5-10	John ——— xii. 1-23
<i>Tuesday,</i> —————	Jeremiah ——— xi. 18-20	————— xii. 24-43
<i>Wednesday,</i> —————	Isa. — lxii. 11 — lxiii. 7	Lk. — xxii. 1 — xxiii. 42
<i>Thursday,</i> —————	1 Cor. ——— xi. 23-32	John ——— xiii. 1-15
<i>Good Friday,</i> —————	Isaiah — lli. 13 — liii. 12	
<i>Easter Day,</i> —————	1 Corinthians — v. 6-8	Mark ——— xvi. 1-8
——— <i>Monday,</i> —————	Acts ——— x. 34-41	Luke — xxiv. 13-35
1 <i>Sunday after Easter,</i> —	1 John ——— i. 4-12	John ——— xx. 19-31
2 —————	1 Peter ——— ii. 21-25	————— x. 11-16
3 —————	————— ii. 11-20	————— xvi. 16-23 ^c
4 —————	James ——— i. 16-21	————— xvi. 5-15
5 —————	————— i. 22-27	————— xvi. 23-30 ^d
<i>Ascension Day,</i> —————	Acts ——— i. 1-11	Mark ——— xvi. 14-20
<i>Sunday after Ascension,</i> —	1 Peter ——— iv. 7-11 ^e	John ——— xv. 26-xvi. 4
<i>Whitsun-Day,</i> —————	Acts ——— ii. 1-13	————— xiv. 23-31
——— <i>Monday,</i> —————	————— x. 42-48 ^f	————— iii. 16-21
<i>Trinity Sunday,</i> —————	Romans ——— xi. 33-36	————— iii. 1-15
1 <i>Sunday after Trinity,</i> —	1 John ——— iv. 16-21 ^g	Luke ——— xvi. 19-31

^a End : " men of low estate."

^b End : " Be not wise in your own conceits."

^c End : " Ye shall ask me nothing."

^d Begin : " Verily, verily, I say."

^e " " " Be ye therefore sober."

^f End : " in the name of the Lord."

^g Begin : " God is love."

TABLE OF THE EPISTLES AND GOSPELS—Continued

SUNDAYS AND CHIEF FESTIVALS.	EPISTLES.	GOSPELS.
2 <i>Sunday after Trinity,</i>	1 John ——— iii. 13-18	Luke ——— xiv. 16-24
3 ———	1 Peter ——— v. 6-11	——— xv. 1-10
4 ———	Romans ——— viii. 18-23	——— vi 36-42
5 ———	1 Peter ——— iii. 8-15 ^b	——— v. 1-11
6 ———	Romans ——— vi. 3-11	Matthew ——— v. 20-26
7 ———	——— vi. 19-23	Mark ——— viii. 1-9
8 ———	——— viii. 12-17	Matthew ——— vii. 15-23
9 ———	1 Corinthians ——— x. 6-13	Luke ——— xvi. 1-9
10 ———	——— xii. 1-11	——— xix. 41-48
11 ———	——— xv. 1-10	——— xviii. 9-14
12 ———	2 ——— iii. 4-11	Mark ——— vii. 31-37
13 ———	Galatians ——— iii. 15-22	Luke ——— x. 23-37
14 ———	——— v. 16-24	——— xvii. 11-19
15 ———	——— v. 25—vi. 10	Matthew ——— vi. 24-34
16 ———	Ephesians ——— iii. 13-21	Luke ——— vii. 11-17
17 ———	——— iv. 1-6	——— xiv. 1-11
18 ———	1 Corinthians ——— i. 4-9	Matthew xxii. 34-46
19 ———	Ephesians ——— iv. 22-28	——— ix. 1-8
20 ———	——— v. 15-21	——— xxii. 1-14
21 ———	——— vi. 10-17	John ——— iv. 46-54 ⁱ
22 ———	Philippians ——— i. 3-11	Matthew xviii. 23-35
23 ———	——— iii. 17-21	——— xxii. 15-22
24 ———	Colossians ——— i. 9-14	——— ix. 18-26
25 ———	1 Thess. ——— iv. 13-18	——— xxiv. 15-28
26 ———	2 Peter iii. 3-14, or 2 Thess. i. 3-10.	——— xxv. 31-46
27 ———	1 Thess. ——— v. 1-11	——— xxv. 1-13

^b End : "sanctify the Lord God in your hearts."

ⁱ Begin : "And there was a certain nobleman."

TABLE OF SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR THE SUNDAYS AND FESTIVALS OF THE CHURCH YEAR

SUNDAYS AND FESTIVALS.	FIRST LESSON.	SECOND LESSON.	THIRD LESSON.
1 <i>S. in Advent</i> ———	Isaiah lxi. 1-3	Luke i. 68-79	Rev. i. 4-8
2 ———	Malachi iv. 1-6	Luke xvii. 20-30	1 Tim. vi. 11-16
3 ———	Isaiah xl. 1-10	Matt. iii. 1-12	Rom. ii. 12-16
4 ———	Isaiah ii. 2-5	Luke i. 46-55	1 Cor. i. 26-29
<i>Christmas Day.</i>	Isaiah ix. 6-7	Luke ii. 1-14	Heb. i. 1-6
2 ———	Micah v. 2-6	John i. 1-18	1 John i. 1-4
<i>S. after Christmas.</i>	Isa. lxiii. 7-17	Luke ii. 22-32	2 Tim. iv. 3-8
<i>New Year's Eve.</i>	Psalms xc.	Luke xiii. 6-9	Heb. xiii. 7-21
<i>New Year's Day.</i>	Isaiah xl. 26-31	Luke iv. 16-21	1 Peter ii. 1-10
<i>S. after New Year.</i>	Genesis xi. 1-9		Rom. vii. 7-25
<i>Epiphany.</i>	Isaiah xlix. 1-9	Matt. iii. 13-17	1 John iii. 1-6
1 <i>S. after Epiphany.</i>	Deut. vi. 1-9	John i. 36-51	Rom. x. 12-21
2 ———	Isa. viii. 20-22	Luke iv. 14-22	Rom. x. 1-12
3 ———	Num. xxiv. 10-17	Matt. xi. 25-30	Rom. v. 1-5
4 ———	Isaiah li. 1-12	John viii. 12-16	1 John i. 5-10
5 ———	Jer. xviii. 1-10	John vi. 26-35	1 John iv. 7-17
6 ———		Luke vii. 1-10	1 Peter i. 3-11

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OF THE CHURCH YEAR.**

SUNDAYS AND FESTIVALS.	FIRST LESSON.		SECOND LESSON.		THIRD LESSON.	
<i>Septuagesima.</i>	Daniel	v. 17-30	John	vii. 14-17	2 Peter	i. 3-11
<i>Sexagesima.</i>	Isaiah	xxv. 1-9	Matt.	xvii. 1-9	2 Peter	i. 16-21
<i>Quinquagesima.</i>	Jer.	viii. 19-22	Mark	x. 32-45	1 Cor.	i. 18-24
1 <i>S. in Lent.</i>	Jeremiah	ii. 17-19	Matt.	xi. 20-24	Heb.	xii. 14-17
2	Exodus	xiv. 13-31	John	viii. 21-30	Heb.	ii. 10-15
3	Genesis	xxii.	John	x. 24-33	Heb.	v. 7-10
4	Isaiah	xlii. 1-8	John	xi. 47-57	Heb.	x. 1-14
5	Num.	xxi. 4-9	John	xii. 23-33	Heb.	vii. 24-27
6	Zech.	ix. 8-12	John	xii. 1-19	Heb.	xii. 1-6
<i>Holy Thursday.</i>	Exodus	xii. 1-14	John	xiii. 1-17	1 Cor.	xi. 23-32
<i>Good Friday.</i>	Isaiah	liii. 1-7	John	xix. 1-18	Heb.	x. 19-22
<i>Easter Sunday.</i>	Isaiah	liii. 8-12	Matthew	xxviii.	1 Peter	i. 3-9
— <i>Monday.</i>	Isaiah	xxvi. 13-21	John	xx. 11-18	1 Cor.	xv. 12-22
1 <i>S. after Easter.</i>	Gen.	xxxii. 22-31	John	xxi. 15-24	1 John	iv. 1-6
2	Ezk.	xxxiv. 11-16	John	xxi. 1-14	Rev.	ii. 1-5
3	Isaiah	lxi. 10-11	John	x. 1-10	Rev.	iii. 1-6
4	Isaiah	v. 1-7	John	xv. 1-11	Rev.	iii. 7-11
5	Isaiah	liv. 7-13	John	xiv. 13-21	Rev.	iii. 14-22
<i>Ascension.</i>	Psalms	cx.	Luke	xxiv. 50-53	Eph.	i. 15-23
<i>S. after Ascension.</i>	Isaiah	lxiv. 1	John	xiv. 1-12	1 John	iii. 19-24
<i>Whitsun-Day.</i>	Isaiah	xliv. 1-6	John	vii. 37-39	Heb.	viii. 8-11
— <i>Monday.</i>	Ezk.	xxx. 22-28	John	iv. 19-24	Acts	ii. 22-39
<i>Trinity Sunday.</i>	Isaiah	vi. 3-7	Matt.	xxviii. 18-20	1 Cor.	xii. 4-13
1 <i>S. after Trinity.</i>	Genesis	xii. 1-4	Mark	iv. 26-29	Acts	ii. 42-47
2	Genesis	xv. 1-6	Matthew	ix. 9-13	Acts	iii. 1-10
3	Genesis	xvii. 1-9	Matthew	v. 1-6	Acts	iv. 1-12
4	Gen.	xviii. 20-33	Matthew	v. 7-12	Acts	viii. 26-38
5	Genesis	xix. 15-26	Matt.	vii. 24-29	Acts	ix. 1-19
6	Genesis	xxv. 7-10	Matt.	xix. 16-26	Acts	xiv. 8-18
7	Gen.	xxviii. 10-22	Matt.	xiii. 44-46	Acts	xvi. 22-33
8	Exodus	iii. 1-14	Mark	viii. 34-38	Acts	xvi. 12-15
9	Exodus	xvii. 1-7	Matt.	xiv. 22-34	Acts	xxiv. 22-26
10	Num.	xxxii. 1-15	Matt.	xxiii. 34-39	Acts	vii. 54-60
11	1 Samuel	vii. 5-12	Matt.	xvi. 13-20	Acts	xvii. 15-34
12	1 Samuel	xvi. 1-13	Matt.	xiii. 31-35	Acts	xix. 23-41
13	2 Samuel	xii. 1-10	Matthew	v. 13-19	Acts	xx. 7-17
14	Proverbs	iv. 14-23	Matthew	x. 16-22	Eph.	ii. 19-22
15	1 Kings	xvii. 1-16	Luke	xi. 5-13	Eph.	iv. 8-16
16	1 Kings	xvii. 17-24	Matt.	xxv. 14-30	1 Thess.	v. 14-24
17	Proverbs	xvi. 1-9	Luke	x. 38-42	James	iii. 13-18
18	Jer.	xvii. 5-10	Luke	vii. 6-50	2 Cor.	vii. 6-10
19	1 Kings	xix. 1-18	Matthew	xii. 1-13	2 Thess.	iii. 5-12
20	1 Kings	xxi. 17-25	Luke	xix. 1-10	Eph.	vi. 1-9
21	Isaiah	xxx. 15-19	Luke	xii. 15-21	2 Cor.	viii. 1-12
22	Zeph.	iii. 14-20	Luke	x. 17-22	James	v. 7-11
23	Haggai	ii. 1-9	Luke	xiii. 23-30	Col.	iii. 1-4
24	Isaiah	lxiii. 1-9	Matt.	xxiv. 1-14	1 Thess.	v. 1-11
25	Isaiah	xxxv. 4-10	John	xi. 21-27	2 Thess.	ii. 1-12
26			John	v. 19-29	Rev.	vii. 9-17
27			Luke	xii. 35-46	Rev.	xxi. 1-7
			Luke	xii. 22-31	Gal.	vi. 7-10
<i>Harvest Festival.</i>						
<i>Reformation.</i>	2Chron	xxix. 12-19	John	vi. 67-71	1 Peter	i. 22-25
<i>Thanksgiving.</i>	Isaiah	lxiii. 7-9	Luke	i. 68-75	2 Cor.	ix. 6-15
<i>Humiliation.</i>	Daniel	ix. 3-19	Luke	xiii. 1-5	Heb.	xii. 12-15

A TABLE OF LESSONS FOR MORNING AND EVENING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

The Lessons appointed for days between the *Fourth Sunday in Advent* and the *First Sunday after Epiphany*, are to be omitted when the days for which they are appointed do not occur.

When there are not Six *Sundays after Epiphany*, the Lessons for the week after the *First Sunday* may be omitted one year; and those which follow another *Sunday*, the second year; and so on: in order that in the course of several years all the Lessons provided may be read.

The Lessons appointed for the days from the *Twentieth Sunday after Trinity* to the end of the year are to be read in every year, and those appointed for the weeks before the *Twentieth Sunday after Trinity* are to be omitted so far as necessary to this end.

<i>Days.</i>	<i>Morning.</i>	<i>Evening.</i>
<i>1st Sunday in Advent.</i>		
Monday	Matthew xi. 25-30	Genesis iii. 1-24
Tuesday	Acts iii. 22-26	Genesis ix. 1-19
Wednesday	Colossians i. 15-29	Genesis xxii. 1-19
Thursday	Hebrews i. 1-4	Genesis xlix. 1-28
Friday	Hebrews ii. 1-4	Numbers xxiv. 14-25
Saturday	Ephesians iii. 1-12	Deut. xviii. 15-19
<i>2d Sunday in Advent.</i>		
Monday	Acts xvii. 16-34	1 Chronicles xvii. 1-27
Tuesday	1 John iv. 9-16	2 Chronicles vii. 11-22
Wednesday	Colossians i. 1-8	Isaiah xi. 1-10
Thursday	Philippians ii. 12-18	Jeremiah xxiii. 2-8
Friday	Philippians iii. 12-16	Jeremiah xxx. 1-22
Saturday	Colossians iii. 1-11	Jeremiah xxxiii. 14-26
<i>3d Sunday in Advent.</i>		
Monday	Hebrews x. 35-39	Isaiah ii. 1-5
Tuesday	Luke xxi. 5-24	Isaiah xxiv. 21-xxv. 5
Wednesday	Luke xii. 35-59	Isaiah xxv. 6-10
Thursday	James v. 7-11	Isaiah xxvi. 1-21
Friday	Luke i. 1-25	Isaiah li. 1-16
Saturday	Luke i. 26-38	Isaiah lii. 1-12
<i>4th Sunday in Advent.</i>		
Monday	Matthew i. 18-25	Isaiah xl. 1-11
Tuesday	Luke i. 39-45	Malachi iii. 1-7
Wednesday	Luke i. 46-56	Malachi iv. 1-6
Thursday	Luke i. 57-66	Isaiah xxviii. 14-19
Friday	Luke i. 67-80	Isaiah vii. 1-17
Saturday	Matthew i. 1-17	Micah v. 1-15
<i>Christmas.</i>		
December 27.	John i. 15-18	Micah iv. 1-8
December 28.	Luke ii. 15-20	Isaiah xxxii. 1-8
December 29.	Luke ii. 22-24	Isaiah xlv. 3-13
December 30.	Luke ii. 25-32	Isaiah xlix. 1-13
December 31.	Matthew ii. 13-15	Isaiah lv. 1-13
January 2.	Matthew ii. 16-18	Isaiah xlii. 1-9
January 3.	Matthew ii. 19-23	Isaiah lxi. 1-11
January 4.	Matthew iii. 1-12	Isaiah lvi. 1-8
January 5.	Luke iii. 1-9	Isaiah xii. 1-6

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<i>Days.</i>	<i>Morning.</i>	<i>Evening.</i>
<i>Epiphany.</i>		
Monday	Luke iii. 10-14	Genesis i. 1-31
Tuesday	Luke iii. 15-20	Genesis ii. 1-25
Wednesday	Mark i. 1-8	Genesis iv. 1-26
Thursday	Mark i. 9-11	Genesis v. 1-32
Friday	Luke iii. 21, 22	Genesis vi. 9-22
Saturday	Luke iii. 23-38	Genesis vii. 1-24
<i>1st Sunday after Epiphany.</i>		
Monday	John i. 29-34	Genesis viii. 1-22
Tuesday	John i. 35-42	Genesis xi. 1-9
Wednesday	John i. 43-51	Genesis xii. 1-20
Thursday	Luke iv. 1-13	Genesis xiii. 1-18
Friday	Mark i. 12-15	Genesis xiv. 8-24
Saturday	Matthew iv. 12-17	Genesis xv. 1-21
<i>2d Sunday after Epiphany.</i>		
Monday	Matthew iv. 18-25	Genesis xvii. 1-22
Tuesday	Matthew v. 1-19	Genesis xviii. 1-33
Wednesday	Matthew v. 27-48	Genesis xix. 1-29
Thursday	Matthew vi. 1-23	Genesis xxi. 1-8
Friday	Matthew vii. 1-14	Genesis xxiv. 1-28
Saturday	Matt. vii. 24-29	Genesis xxiv. 29-67
<i>3d Sunday after Epiphany.</i>		
Monday	Matt. viii. 14-22	Genesis xxv. 19-34
Tuesday	Matt. viii. 28-34	Genesis xxvii. 1-45
Wednesday	Matthew ix. 9-17	Gen. xxvii. 46-xxviii. 22
Thursday	Matthew ix. 27-38	Genesis xxix. 1-20
Friday	Matthew x. 1-16	Genesis xxxi. 1-18
Saturday	Matt. x. 17-xi. 1	Genesis xxxii. 3-32
<i>4th Sunday after Epiphany.</i>		
Monday	Matthew xi. 11-24	Genesis xxxiii. 1-20
Tuesday	Matthew xii. 1-21	Genesis xxxv. 1-21
Wednesday	Matt. xii. 22-50	Genesis xxxvii. 1-36
Thursday	Matt. xiii. 1-23	Genesis xxxix. 1-23
Friday	Matt. xiv. 1-36	Genesis xl. 1-23
Saturday	Matthew xv. 1-20	Genesis xli. 1-37
<i>5th Sunday after Epiphany.</i>		
Monday	Matt. xv. 29-39	Genesis xli. 38-57
Tuesday	Matt. xvi. 1-12	Genesis xlii. 1-38
Wednesday	Matt. xvi. 21-28	Genesis xliii. 1-34
Thursday	Matt. xvii. 9-27	Genesis xliv. 1-34
Friday	Matt. xix. 1-15	Genesis xlv. 1-28
Saturday	Matt. xx. 17-34	Genesis xlvi. 1-34
<i>6th Sunday after Epiphany.</i>		
Monday	Matt. xxi. 10-46	Genesis xlvii. 1-31
Tuesday	Matt. xxiii. 1-39	Genesis xlviii. 1-22
Wednesday	Mark i. 16-45	Exodus i. 1-22
Thursday	Mark ii. 1-28	Exodus ii. 1-25
Friday	Mark iii. 1-35	Exodus iii. 1-22
Saturday	Mark v. 1-20	Exodus iv. 1-31

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<i>Days.</i>	<i>Morning.</i>		<i>Evening.</i>	
<i>Septuagesima Sunday.</i>				
Monday	Mark	v. 21-43	Exodus	v. 1-23
Tuesday	Mark	vi. 1-29	Exodus	vi. 1-13
Wednesday	Mark	vi. 30-56	Exodus	xi. 1-10
Thursday	Mark	vii. 1-30	Exodus	xii. 1-28
Friday	Mark	viii. 10-ix. 1	Exodus	xii. 29-42
Saturday	Mark	ix. 2-32	Exodus	xiii. 1-22
<i>Sexagesima Sunday.</i>				
Monday	Mark	x. 1-31	Exodus	xiv. 1-31
Tuesday	Mark	x. 32-52	Exodus	xv. 1-21
Wednesday	Mark	xi. 1-33	Exodus xv.	22-xvi. 36
Thursday	Mark	xii. 13-44	Exodus	xvii. 1-16
Friday	Luke	iv. 14-44	Exodus	xix. 1-25
Saturday	Luke	v. 12-39	Exodus	xx. 1-23
<i>Quinquagesima Sunday.</i>				
Monday	Luke	vi. 1-35	Ex.	xxiv. 1-xxv. 9
Tuesday	Luke	vi. 43-49	Ex. xxxi.	18-xxxii. 35
Wednesday	Luke	vii. 1-10	Exodus	xxxiii. 1-23
Thursday	Luke	vii. 18-viii. 3	Exodus	xxxiv. 1-10
Friday	Luke	viii. 16-56	Exodus	xxxiv. 27-35
Saturday	Luke	ix. 1-27	Exodus	xl. 1-38
<i>1st Sunday in Lent.</i>				
Monday	Luke	ix. 28-62	Numbers	iii. 5-13
Tuesday	Luke	x. 1-22	Numbers	x. 11-36
Wednesday	Luke	x. 38-xi. 13	Numbers	xi. 1-35
Thursday	Luke	xi. 29-36	Numbers	xii. 1-15
Friday	Luke	xi. 37-54	Numbers	xiii. 1-25
Saturday	Luke	xii. 1-34	Numbers	xiii. 26-33
<i>2d Sunday in Lent.</i>				
Monday	Luke	xiii. 1-17	Numbers	xiv. 1-45
Tuesday	Luke	xiv. 25-35	Numbers	xvi. 1-22
Wednesday	Luke	xv. 11-32	Numbers	xvi. 23-50
Thursday	Luke	xvi. 10-18	Numbers	xvii. 1-13
Friday	Luke	xvii. 1-10	Numbers	xx. 1-29
Saturday	Luke	xviii. 1-8	Num.	xxi. 1-xxii. 1
<i>3d Sunday in Lent.</i>				
Monday	Luke	xviii. 15-30	Numbers	xxii. 2-41
Tuesday	Luke	xix. 1-40	Numbers	xxiii. 1-30
Wednesday	Luke	xx. 1-xxi. 4	Numbers	xxiv. 1-13
Thursday	Lk. xxi.	37-xxii. 38	Numbers	xxvii. 12-23
Friday	Luke	xxii. 39-71	Deuteronomy v.	1-33
Saturday	Luke	xxiii. 1-25	Deut.	viii. 1-20
<i>4th Sunday in Lent.</i>				
Monday	Luke	xxiii. 26-56	Deuteronomy ix.	1-29
Tuesday	Matthew	xxvi. 1-35	Deuteronomy x.	1-22
Wednesday	Matt.	xxvi. 36-75	Deuteronomy xi.	1-32
Thursday	Matt.	xxvii. 1-38	Deut.	xxviii. 1-14
Friday	Matt.	xxvii. 39-66	Deut.	xxviii. 15-68
Saturday	Mark	xiv. 1-31	Deut.	xxxiv. 1-12

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<i>Days.</i>	<i>Morning.</i>	<i>Evening.</i>
<i>5th Sunday in Lent.</i>		
Monday	Mark xiv. 32-72	Jeremiah ii. 1-19
Tuesday.....	Mark xv. 1-10	Hosea xiii. 9-14
Wednesday.....	Mark xv. 20-47	Zephaniah iii. 1-8
Thursday.....	John xii. 1-19	Micah iii. 9-12
Friday.....	John xii. 20-50	Isaiah lxvi. 1-9
Saturday.....	John xiii. 16-38	Zechariah ix. 1-17
<i>Palm Sunday.</i>		
Monday	John xviii. 1-18	Jeremiah vii. 1-15
Tuesday.....	John xviii. 19-40	Isaiah l. 4-11
Wednesday.....	John xix. 1-12	Jeremiah xi. 18-23
Green Thursday.....	John xix. 13-24	Zechariah iii. 1-10
Good Friday.....	John xix. 25-37	Lamentations ii. 8-15
Saturday.....	John xix. 38-42	Isaiah lii. 13-15
<i>Easter Day.</i>		
<i>Easter Monday.</i>		
Tuesday.....	Matt. xxviii. 1-15	Ezekiel xxi. 25-27
Wednesday.....	John xx. 1-18	Haggai ii. 21-24
Thursday.....	Luke xxiv. 1-12	Zechariah vi. 9-15
Friday.....	Luke xxiv. 36-49	Ezekiel xvii. 22-24
Saturday.....	Mark xvi. 9-14	Isaiah xlv. 21-28
<i>1st Sunday after Easter.</i>		
Monday	John xxi. 1-25	Jonah i. 1-16
Tuesday.....	John ii. 12-25	Jonah ii. 1-11
Wednesday.....	John iii. 22-36	Jonah iii. 1-10
Thursday.....	John iv. 1-27	Jonah iv. 1-11
Friday.....	John iv. 28-38	Isaiah xxxiii. 2-6
Saturday.....	John iv. 39-45	Isaiah xlii. 10-17
<i>2d Sunday after Easter.</i>		
Monday	John v. 1-17	Micah ii. 12, 13
Tuesday.....	John v. 18-30	Isaiah xxx. 19-26
Wednesday.....	John v. 31-47	Jeremiah iii. 11-19
Thursday.....	John vi. 16-29	Ezekiel xxxiv. 1-11
Friday.....	John vi. 30-40	Ezekiel xxxiv. 12-22
Saturday.....	John vi. 41-59	Ezekiel xxxiv. 23-31
<i>3d Sunday after Easter.</i>		
Monday	John vi. 60-71	Ezekiel xxxvi. 1-15
Tuesday.....	John vii. 1-13	Ezekiel xxxvi. 16-32
Wednesday.....	John vii. 14-24	Ezekiel xxxvi. 33-38
Thursday.....	John vii. 25-36	Haggai ii. 1-9
Friday.....	John vii. 37-53	Zechariah ii. 1-13
Saturday.....	John viii. 1-11	Zechariah xi. 1-17
<i>4th Sunday after Easter.</i>		
Monday	John viii. 12-20	Zechariah xii.-xiii. 1
Tuesday.....	John viii. 21-29	Isaiah lxxv. 1-7
Wednesday.....	John viii. 30-45	Isaiah lxxv. 8-16
Thursday.....	John ix. 1-13	Jeremiah viii. 4-13
Friday.....	John ix. 14-34	Zechariah viii. 18-23
Saturday.....	John ix. 35-41	Isaiah xlix. 22-26

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<i>Days.</i>	<i>Morning.</i>	<i>Evening.</i>
<i>5th Sunday after Easter.</i>		
Monday	John x. 1-5	Amos ix. 8-15
Tuesday	John x. 6-10	Isaiah iv. 2-6
Wednesday	Matthew xxviii. 16-20	Isaiah xxix. 18-24
<i>Ascension Day.</i>		
Friday	Luke xxiv. 50-53	Micah vii. 7-13
Saturday	Acts i. 12-26	Micah vii. 14-20
<i>Sunday after Ascension.</i>		
Monday	John x. 17-21	Zechariah xiii. 7-9
Tuesday	John x. 22-31	Zechariah xiv. 1-21
Wednesday	John x. 32-42	Isaiah lxvi. 10-24
Thursday	John xi. 1-27	Jeremiah xlv. 27, 28
Friday	John xi. 28-44	Isaiah xxxii. 9-20
Saturday	John xi. 45-57	Isaiah lvii. 15-21
<i>Whitsun-Day.</i>		
<i>Whitsun-Monday.</i>		
Tuesday	Acts ii. 14-36	Ezekiel xlvi. 1-12
Wednesday	Acts ii. 37-47	Isaiah xlv. 18-21
Thursday	John xiv. 1-22	Isaiah xlv. 22-25
Friday	John xv. 1-25	Jeremiah ix. 23-26
Saturday	John xvi. 31-xvii. 26	Isaiah xlv. 6-8
<i>Trinity Sunday.</i>		
Monday	Acts iii. 1-21	Joshua i. 1-18
Tuesday	Acts iv. 1-37	Joshua iii. 1-17
Wednesday	Acts v. 1-42	Joshua iv. 1-24
Thursday	Acts vi. 1-15	Joshua vi. 1-27
Friday	Acts vii. 1-60	Joshua viii. 1-35
Saturday	Acts viii. 1-40	Joshua ix. 1-27
<i>1st Sunday after Trinity.</i>		
Monday	Acts ix. 1-43	Joshua x. 1-15
Tuesday	Acts x. 1-33	Joshua xi. 1-23
Wednesday	Acts xi. 1-30	Joshua xxiii. 1-16
Thursday	Acts xii. 1-25	Joshua xxiv. 1-31
Friday	Acts xiii. 1-52	Judges ii. 1-23
Saturday	Acts xiv. 1-28	Judges vi. 1-40
<i>2d Sunday after Trinity.</i>		
Monday	Acts xv. 1-41	Judges vii. 1-25
Tuesday	Acts xvi. 1-40	Judges xiii. 1-25
Wednesday	Acts xvii. 1-15	Judges xiv. 1-20
Thursday	Acts xviii. 1-28	Judges xv. 1-20
Friday	Acts xix. 1-41	Judges xvi. 4-31
Saturday	Acts xx. 1-38	1 Samuel i. 1-28
<i>3d Sunday after Trinity.</i>		
Monday	Acts xxi. 1-39	1 Samuel ii. 1-21
Tuesday	Acts xxi. 40-xxii. 29	1 Samuel iii. 1-21
Wednesday	Acts xxii. 30-xxiii. 35	1 Samuel iv. 1-22
Thursday	Acts xxiv. 1-27	1 Samuel v. 1-12
Friday	Acts xxv. 1-27	1 Samuel vii. 1-17
Saturday	Acts xxvi. 1-32	1 Samuel viii. 1-22

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<i>Days.</i>	<i>Morning.</i>	<i>Evening.</i>
<i>4th Sunday after Trinity.</i>		
Monday	Acts xxvii. 1-44	1 Samuel ix. 1-27
Tuesday	Acts xxviii. 1-31	1 Samuel x. 1-27
Wednesday	Romans i. 1-15	1 Samuel xii. 1-25
Thursday	Romans i. 16-32	1 Samuel xiii. 1-14
Friday	Romans ii. 1-29	1 Samuel xv. 1-35
Saturday	Romans iii. 1-31	1 Samuel xvi. 1-23
<i>5th Sunday after Trinity.</i>		
Monday	Romans iv. 1-25	1 Samuel xvii. 1-58
Tuesday	Romans v. 1-vi. 2	1 Samuel xviii. 1-21
Wednesday	Romans vi. 12-18	1 Samuel xix. 1-24
Thursday	Romans vii. 1-25	1 Samuel xx. 1-42
Friday	Romans viii. 1-11	1 Samuel xxii. 1-23
Saturday	Romans xiii. 1-7	1 Samuel xxiv. 1-22
<i>6th Sunday after Trinity.</i>		
Monday	Romans xiv. 1-xv. 3	1 Samuel xxvi. 1-25
Tuesday	Romans xv. 14-33	1 Sam. xxviii. 3-25
Wednesday	Romans xvi. 1-27	1 Samuel xxxi. 1-13
Thursday	1 Cor. i. 10-31	2 Samuel i. 1-27
Friday	1 Cor. ii. 1-16	2 Samuel v. 1-25
Saturday	1 Cor. iv. 6-v. 5	2 Samuel vi. 1-23
<i>7th Sunday after Trinity.</i>		
Monday	1 Cor. v. 9-vi. 20	1 Chron. xvi. 1-43
Tuesday	1 Cor. vii. 1-40	2 Samuel vii. 1-29
Wednesday	1 Cor. viii. 1-13	2 Samuel xii. 1-23
Thursday	1 Cor. ix. 1-23	2 Samuel xv. 1-15
Friday	1 Cor. x. 14-33	2 Samuel xvi. 5-15
Saturday	1 Cor. xi. 1-22	2 Samuel xviii. 1-33
<i>8th Sunday after Trinity.</i>		
Monday	1 Cor. xii. 12-31	2 Samuel xix. 1-23
Tuesday	1 Cor. xiv. 1-40	1 Chron. xxi. 1-30
Wednesday	1 Cor. xv. 58-xvi. 24	1 Chron. xxii. 1-19
Thursday	2 Cor. i. 1-24	1 Chron. xxviii. 1-21
Friday	2 Cor. ii. 1-iii. 3	1 Chron. xxix. 1-23
Saturday	2 Cor. vi. 11-vii. 16	2 Chronicles i. 1-13
<i>9th Sunday after Trinity.</i>		
Monday	2 Cor. viii. 1-24	1 Kings iii. 16-28
Tuesday	2 Cor. ix. 1-15	1 Kings iv. 22-34
Wednesday	2 Cor. x. 1-18	1 Kings v. 1-18
Thursday	2 Cor. xi. 1-18	2 Chron. iii. 1-17
Friday	2 Cor. xii. 10-xiii. 13	1 Kings viii. 1-66
Saturday	Galatians i. 1-24	1 Kings vii. 1-12
<i>10th Sunday after Trinity.</i>		
Monday	Galatians ii. 2-21	1 Kings ix. 1-28
Tuesday	Galatians iii. 1-14	1 Kings x. 1-29
Wednesday	Galatians iv. 8-20	1 Kings xi. 1-43
Thursday	Galatians v. 1-15	1 Kings xii. 1-33
Friday	Galatians vi. 11-18	1 Kings xiii. 1-34
Saturday	Ephesians vi. 1-9	1 Kings xiv. 1-31

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<i>Days.</i>	<i>Morning.</i>	<i>Evening.</i>
<i>11th Sunday after Trinity.</i>		
Monday	Eph. vi. 18-24	1 Kings xvi. 29-xvii. 24
Tuesday	Phil. i. 12-ii. 4	1 Kings xviii. 1-46
Wednesday	Phil. ii. 19-30	1 Kings xix. 1-21
Thursday	Phil. iii. 1-11	1 Kings xxi. 1-29
Friday	Phil. iv. 1-3	1 Kings xxii. 51-2 K. i. 17
Saturday	Phil. iv. 8-23	2 Kings ii. 1-25
<i>12th Sunday after Trinity.</i>		
Monday	Col. ii. 1-23	2 Kings iv. 1-44
Tuesday	Col. iii. 18-iv. 18	2 Kings v. 1-27
Wednesday	1 Thess. i. 1-10	2 Kings vi. 1-23
Thursday	1 Thess. ii. 1-20	2 Kings vi. 24-vii. 20
Friday	1 Thess. iii. 1-13	2 Kings viii. 1-15
Saturday	1 Thess. iv. 8-12	2 Kings ix. 1-37
<i>13th Sunday after Trinity.</i>		
Monday	1 Thess. v. 12-28	2 Kings x. 1-36
Tuesday	1 Tim. i. 1-20	2 Chronicles xxii. 1-12
Wednesday	1 Tim. ii. 1-15	2 Chronicles xxiii. 1-21
Thursday	1 Tim. iii. 1-16	2 Chronicles xxiv. 1-27
Friday	1 Tim. iv. 1-16	2 Kings xiv. 1-29
Saturday	1 Tim. v. 1-25	2 Kings xv. 1-38
<i>14th Sunday after Trinity.</i>		
Monday	1 Tim. vi. 1-21	Isaiah vi. 1-13
Tuesday	2 Tim. i. 1-18	Amos vii. 7-17
Wednesday	2 Tim. ii. 1-26	2 Kings xvi. 1-20
Thursday	Titus i. 1-16	2 Kings xvii. 1-23
Friday	Titus ii. 1-10	2 Kings xviii. 1-37
Saturday	Titus ii. 15-iii. 3	2 Kings xix. 1-37
<i>15th Sunday after Trinity.</i>		
Monday	Titus iii. 8-15	2 Kings xx. 1-21
Tuesday	Philemon 1-25	2 Kings xxi. 1-26
Wednesday	Hebrews i. 1-14	2 Chronicles xxxiv. 1-33
Thursday	Heb. ii. 5-iii. 6	2Chron xxxv. 20-xxxvi. 10
Friday	Heb. iv. 14-v. 14	Jeremiah xxii. 1-30
Saturday	Heb. vi. 1-20	Jeremiah xxv. 1-14
<i>16th Sunday after Trinity.</i>		
Monday	Heb. vii. 1-28	Jeremiah xxxvii. 1-21
Tuesday	Heb. viii. 1-13	Jeremiah xxxviii. 1-28
Wednesday	Heb. ix. 1-10	Jeremiah xxxii. 1-44
Thursday	Heb. ix. 16-28	Jeremiah xxxix. 1-18
Friday	Heb. x. 1-34	Jeremiah xxix. 1-23
Saturday	Heb. xi. 1-7	Daniel i. 1-21
<i>17th Sunday after Trinity.</i>		
Monday	Heb. xi. 17-40	Daniel iii. 1-30
Tuesday	Heb. xii. 1-17	Daniel iv. 1-37
Wednesday	Heb. xiii. 1-25	Daniel v. 1-30
Thursday	James i. 1-15	Daniel v. 31-vi. 28
Friday	James ii. 1-13	Ezra i. 1-11
Saturday	James ii. 14-26	Ezra iii. 1-13

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<i>Days.</i>	<i>Morning.</i>	<i>Evening.</i>
<i>18th Sunday after Trinity.</i>		
Monday	James iii. 1-18	Ezra iv. 1-24
Tuesday	James iv. 1-v. 6	Haggai i. 1-15
Wednesday	James v. 12-20	Ezra v. 1-17
Thursday	1 Peter iii. 1-7	Ezra vi. 1-22
Friday	1 Peter iii. 15-22	Ezra vii. 1-28
Saturday	1 Peter v. 1-4	Ezra viii. 31-ix. 15
<i>19th Sunday after Trinity.</i>		
Monday	1 John i. 1-10	Nehemiah i. 1-11
Tuesday	1 John ii. 1-17	Nehemiah ii. 1-20
Wednesday	1 John v. 1-3	Nehemiah iv. 1-23
Thursday	1 John v. 10-21	Nehemiah viii. 1-18
Friday	2 John 1-13	Nehemiah ix. 1-38
Saturday	3 John 1-14	Zechariah viii. 1-23
<i>20th Sunday after Trinity.</i>		
Monday	Mark iv. 1-41	Isaiah xlii. 1-13
Tuesday	Luke xiii. 18-35	Isaiah xli. 1-20
Wednesday	Matthew xiii. 31-58	Habakkuk ii. 1-4
Thursday	Matthew xvi. 13-20	Isaiah lxiii. 7-19
Friday	2 Cor. iii. 10-iv. 18	Isaiah lxiv. 1-12
Saturday	1 Cor. v. 1-21	Isaiah v. 1-7
<i>21st Sunday after Trinity.</i>		
Monday	Ephesians i. 1-23	Micah vi. 1-9
Tuesday	Ephesians ii. 1-22	Isaiah lviii. 1-14
Wednesday	Ephesians iv. 7-21	Isaiah lix. 1-21
Thursday	Ephesians iv. 29-32	Jeremiah xxxi. 1-22
Friday	Ephesians v. 10-14	Jer. xxxi. 23-40
Saturday	Ephesians v. 22-33	Isaiah xlviii. 1-22
<i>22d Sunday after Trinity.</i>		
Monday	Matthew xviii. 1-22	Micah iv. 9-v. 1
Tuesday	Mark ix. 33-50	Isaiah xlix. 14-21
Wednesday	Luke xvii. 20-37	Isaiah ii. 10-21
Thursday	Romans viii. 24-39	Isaiah lxiii. 1-6
Friday	Mark xii. 1-12	Joel ii. 1-11
Saturday	Matthew xxv. 14-30	Joel ii. 12-27
<i>23d Sunday after Trinity.</i>		
Monday	1 Cor. iii. 1-23	Joel iii. 1-13
Tuesday	Matthew xix. 16-30	Joel iii. 14-21
Wednesday	Luke xiv. 12-15	Obadiah 1-21
Thursday	Mark xiii. 1-37	Nahum i. 1-14
Friday	Romans ix. 1-33	Nahum i. 15-iii. 19
Saturday	Romans x. 1-21	Isaiah x. 5-27
<i>24th Sunday after Trinity.</i>		
Monday	Romans xi. 1-33	Isaiah xiii. 1-22
Tuesday	2 Thess. i. 11-ii. 17	Isaiah xiv. 1-27
Wednesday	2 Thess. iii. 1-18	Isaiah xlvii. 1-15
Thursday	2 Timothy iii. 1-17	Daniel ii. 27-45
Friday	2 Timothy iv. 1-22	Daniel vii. 1-28
Saturday	Matthew xxiv. 1-14	Daniel ix. 1-27

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<i>Days.</i>	<i>Morning.</i>	<i>Evening.</i>
<i>25th Sunday after Trinity.</i>		
Monday	Matt. xxiv. 29-51	Dan. xi. 36-xii. 13
Tuesday	Matt. xxii. 23-33	Ezek. xxxviii. 1-23
Wednesday	1 Cor. xv. 11-50	Ezek. xxxix. 1-29
Thursday	Hebrews iii. 7-iv. 13	Isaiah xliii. 14-25
Friday	Hebrews xi. 8-16	Isaiah xxxiii. 17-24
Saturday	Hebrews xii. 18-29	Ezek. xxxvii. 1-14
<i>26th Sunday after Trinity.</i>		
Monday	1 Peter i. 1-12	Zephaniah iii. 9-20
Tuesday	1 Peter i. 13-ii. 10	Isaiah xxxiv. 1-17
Wednesday	1 Peter iv. 1-7	Isaiah xxxv. 1-10
Thursday	1 Peter iv. 12-19	Isaiah liv. 1-17
Friday	2 Peter i. 1-15	Isaiah lx. 7-22
Saturday	2 Peter ii. 1-22	Isaiah lxii. 1-12
<i>27th Sunday after Trinity.</i>		
Monday	2 Peter iii. 1-18	Isaiah lxxv. 17-25
Tuesday	Jude 1-25	Ezek. xxxvii. 15-28
Wednesday	1 John ii. 18-29	Habakkuk iii. 1-19
Thursday	1 John iii. 1-12	Isaiah xl. 27-31
Friday	1 John iii. 19-24	Jeremiah xiv. 7-9
Saturday	1 John iv. 1-8	Malachi iii. 7-18

Explanatory Directions.

ITALICS. The rubrics, and also those portions of the service that are to be said or sung by the congregation, are put in *italics*.

THE INTROIT. The Morning Service, strictly, begins with the Introit. All that precedes is introductory, and may be used or omitted as occasion requires.

HYMNS. In addition to those indicated in the rubrics, hymns may also be sung at the beginning of every service, and at the close before the benediction. The hymn at the beginning may be a hymn of invocation of the Holy Ghost.

PSALMS. A selection of psalms is given, which may be read or sung at the Early Morning or at the Evening Service. When they are read responsively by the minister and congregation, the colon (:) marks the division.

LESSONS. The Daily Lessons for morning and evening may be read at household prayer and at any public service that may be held. If but one public service is held, either lesson or both may be read.

The Sunday Lessons, one or more, may be read either at the Early Morning or at the Evening Service. When three lessons are read, the Biblical order is recommended, namely Old Testament, Gospel, Epistle. Instead of the lessons given, a selection from the Daily Lessons, or any other selection, may be used.

RESPONSORIES. Suitable hymns may be used as Responses after the Lessons in the Early Morning and Evening Service.

Order of Public Worship.

THE ORDER OF

Morning Service, or the Communion.

The Congregation shall rise, and the Minister, standing at the Altar, shall say :

IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Then shall be said the Confession of Sins.

BELOVED in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Then, all kneeling or standing, shall be sung or said :

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

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ALMIGHTY God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O MOST merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins: and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee, and of Thy will, and true obedience to Thy word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then the Minister, standing, shall say:

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us, and hath given His only Son to die for us, and for

or the Communion.

His sake forgiveth us all our sins; to them that believe on His Name, He giveth power to become the sons of God, and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth, and is baptized, shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. *Amen.*

Instead of this, one or more of the following declarations of Scripture may be used:

GOD so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (*John iii: 16.*)

THIS is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (*1 Tim. 1: 15.*)

IF any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. (*1 John ii: 1, 2.*)

Morning Service,

The Introit.

All standing to the close of the Collect, shall be sung or said the Introit for the Day. (Pages 80-137.)

¶ *The Introit with the Gloria Patri may be sung by the Choir; or the Introit may be said by the Minister, and the Gloria Patri sung or said by the Congregation. Instead of the Introit, a Psalm or a Hymn may be used.*

Gloria Patri.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then shall be sung or said the Kyrie.

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us!

Or this:

O GOD, the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us! O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us! O God, the Holy Ghost, have mercy upon us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.

Then shall be sung the Gloria in Excelsis; or, instead thereof, may be sung another Canticle or Hymn of Praise, except on Festival days, and when there is a Communion.

Glory be to God on high!

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

or the Communion.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Then shall the Minister say the Collect for the Day (pages 80-137), or one of the general or special Collects.

The Collect.

The Collect ended, the Congregation shall sing or say:

Amen.

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Then shall the Minister read the Epistle for the Day, saying, The Epistle for (here he shall name the Day) is written in the ——— chapter of ——— beginning at the ——— verse. Other Scripture Lessons may be read before the Epistle, but the Epistle and Gospel for the Day shall always be read.

The Epistle for the Day.

The Epistle ended, the Minister shall say, Here endeth the Epistle.

Then shall the Hallelujah be sung or said, except in the Passion Season.

Hallelujah.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Instead of the simple Hallelujah, a Sentence for the Season of the Church Year may be sung with it; or a Psalm, or a Hymn may be sung after the Hallelujah.

The Hallelujah and Sentence.

For Advent.

Hallelujah! Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies: for they have been ever of old. Hallelujah!

For the Epiphany Season.

Hallelujah! O praise the Lord, all ye nations: and laud him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great towards us: and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Hallelujah!

For the Passion Season.

Christ hath humbled himself, and become obedient unto death: even the death of the Cross.

For the Easter Season.

Hallelujah! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: Hallelujah!

or the Communion.

For Whitsuntide.

Hallelujah! Thou sendest forth thy Spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth. Hallelujah!

From Trinity to Advent.

Hallelujah! O Lord, deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy: and teach me thy statutes. I am thy servant, give me understanding: that I may know thy testimonies. Hallelujah!

Or this:

Hallelujah! Blessed be the Lord God of our fathers: praise Him, and highly exalt Him for ever. Hallelujah!

Then shall the Minister announce the Gospel for the Day, saying, The Holy Gospel is written in the ——— chapter of St. ———, beginning at the ——— verse. The Congregation may sing or say:

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

¶ Then shall the Minister read

The Gospel for the Day.

¶ The Gospel ended, the Minister shall say, Here endeth the Gospel, and the Congregation shall stand up, unless they have stood at the reading of the Gospel, and shall sing or say:

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Then shall be said or sung the Nicene Creed, or the Apostles' Creed; but if there be a Communion, the Nicene Creed shall be used.

The Nicene Creed.

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

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And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who, for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the

or the Communion.

remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Then may a Hymn be sung and the Minister shall go into the pulpit. After the Hymn shall follow

The Sermon.

The Sermon ended, the Congregation standing up, the Minister shall say:

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THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Then shall the Minister go to the Altar, and the Offertory shall be sung, at the close of which the Congregation shall be seated.

One of the Offertories here following, or any other suitable Offertory, may be used.

The Offertory.

I.

THE sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Do good in Thy good pleasure unto Zion: build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness: with burnt-offering and whole burnt-offering.

II.

CREATE in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence: and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation: and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

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The Offerings shall then be gathered and brought to the Minister, who shall place them on the Altar.

Then shall the Minister make mention of any special petitions, intercessions or thanksgivings which may have been requested. He may also make mention of the death of any member of the Congregation.

Then shall follow the General Prayer. -The Prayer here following may be used; or, if there be no Communion, the Litany; or a selection from the Collects and Prayers, or any other suitable Prayer.

The General Prayer.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; We give Thee thanks for all Thy goodness and tender mercies, especially for the gift of Thy dear Son, and for the revelation of Thy will and grace; and we beseech Thee so to implant Thy word in us, that, in good and honest hearts, we may keep it, and bring forth fruit by patient continuance in well doing.

Most heartily we beseech Thee so to rule and govern Thy Church universal, with all its pastors and ministers, that it may be preserved in the pure doctrine of Thy saving word, whereby faith toward Thee may be strengthened, and charity increased in us toward all mankind.

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Grant also health and prosperity to all that are in authority, especially to the President [and Congress] of the United States, the Governor and [Legislature] of this Commonwealth, and to all our judges and magistrates; and endue them with grace to rule after Thy good pleasure, to the maintenance of righteousness, and to the hinderance and punishment of wickedness, that we may lead a quiet and peaceful life, in all godliness and honesty.

May it please Thee also to turn the hearts of our enemies and adversaries, that they may cease their enmity, and be inclined to walk with us in meekness and in peace.

All who are in trouble, want, sickness, anguish of labor, peril of death, or any other adversity, especially those who are in suffering for Thy name and for Thy truth's sake, comfort, O God, with Thy Holy Spirit, that they may receive and acknowledge their afflictions as the manifestations of Thy fatherly will.

And although we have deserved Thy

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righteous wrath and manifold punishments, yet, we entreat Thee, O most merciful Father, remember not the sins of our youth, nor our many transgressions; but out of Thine unspeakable goodness, grace and mercy, defend us from all harm and danger of body and soul.

Preserve us from false and pernicious doctrine, from war and bloodshed, from plague and pestilence, from all calamity by fire and water, from hail and tempest, from failure of harvest and from famine, from anguish of heart and despair of Thy mercy, and from an evil death. And in every time of trouble, show Thyself a very present Help, the Saviour of all men, and especially of them that believe.

Cause also the needful fruits of the earth to prosper, that we may enjoy them in due season. Give success to the Christian training of the young, to all lawful occupations on land and sea, and to all pure arts and useful knowledge; and crown them with Thy blessing.

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Here special Supplications, Intercessions, and Prayers may be made.

These, and whatsoever other things Thou wouldest have us ask of Thee, O God, vouchsafe unto us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, our Lord and Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Then shall the Minister, and the Congregation with him, say the Lord's Prayer; but if there be a Communion it may be omitted here.

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Then shall be sung a Hymn.

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If there be no Communion, a Doxology may be sung, and the Minister, standing at the Altar, shall pronounce the Benediction, after which the Congregation shall offer silent prayer.

The Benediction.

THE Lord bless thee and keep thee, the Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee, the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. *Amen.*

Or this:

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. *Amen.*

Morning Service, The Holy Communion.

Whilst the Hymn is sung, the Minister shall go to the Altar, make ready the Communion vessels, and prepare for the administration of the Holy Communion. The Hymn ended, the Congregation shall rise, and stand to the end of the Agnus Dei.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

IT is truly meet, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Here shall follow the Proper Preface, according to the time, if there be any specially appointed. At other times shall follow immediately:

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, etc.

Proper Prefaces.

For Christmas.

FOR in the mystery of the Word made flesh, Thou hast given us a new revelation of Thy glory; that seeing Thee in the person of Thy Son, we may be drawn to the love of those things which are not seen. Therefore with Angels, etc.

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For the Passion Season.

WHO on the tree of the cross didst give salvation unto mankind; that whence death arose, thence life also might rise again: and that He who by a tree once overcame, might likewise by a tree be overcome, through Christ our Lord; through whom with Angels, etc.

For the Easter Season.

BUT chiefly are we bound to praise Thee for the glorious resurrection of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by His death hath destroyed death, and by His rising to life again, hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels, etc.

For Ascension Day.

THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples, and in their sight was taken up into heaven, that He might make us partakers of His divine nature. Therefore with Angels, etc.

For Whitsun-Day.

THROUGH Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord and Saviour; who ascending above the heavens and sitting at Thy right hand, poured out on this day the Holy Spirit as He had promised,

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upon the chosen disciples; whereat the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with Angels, etc.

For the Festival of the Trinity.

WHO with Thine only-begotten Son, and the Holy Ghost, art one God, one Lord; and in the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in Person, and the Unity in Substance, of Majesty co-equal. Therefore with Angels, etc.

After the Preface shall follow immediately:

THEREFORE, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name; evermore praising Thee, and saying:

Then shall be sung or said the

Sanctus.

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Then may the Minister give this

Exhortation.

DEARLY Beloved! Forasmuch as we purpose to come to the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, it becometh us

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diligently to examine ourselves, as St. Paul exhorteth us. For this Holy Sacrament hath been instituted for the special comfort and strengthening of those who humbly confess their sins, and who hunger and thirst after righteousness.

But if we thus examine ourselves, we shall find nothing in us but only sin and death, from which we can in no wise set ourselves free.

Therefore our Lord Jesus Christ hath had mercy upon us, and hath taken upon Himself our nature, that so He might fulfil for us the whole will and law of God, and for us and for our deliverance suffer death and all that we by our sins have deserved. And to the end that we should the more confidently believe this, and be strengthened by our faith in a cheerful obedience to His holy will, He hath instituted the holy Sacrament of His Supper, in which He feedeth us with His Body, and giveth us to drink of His Blood.

Therefore whoso eateth of this bread, and

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drinketh of this cup, firmly believing the words of Christ, dwelleth in Christ, and Christ in him, and hath eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death, that He was delivered for our offences, and raised again for our justification, and rendering unto Him most hearty thanks for the same, take up our cross and follow Him, and according to His commandment, love one another even as He hath loved us. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread, and drink of this one cup.

Then the Minister, turning to the Altar, shall say:

OUR Lord Jesus Christ, in (a) *Here he shall take the Paten with the bread in his hand.*
the night in which He
was betrayed, took bread; (a)
and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me.

After the same manner, also, (b) *Here he shall take the Cup in his hand.*
He took the cup (b) when He

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had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in my Blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

Then shall all say the Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Then shall the Minister say:

The peace of the Lord be with you alway.

Then shall be sung or said the Agnus Dei, and the Distribution shall begin.

O CHRIST, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us!

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us!

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

When the Minister giveth the Bread, he shall say :

TAKE and eat, this is the body of Christ,
given for thee.

When he giveth the Cup, he shall say :

TAKE and drink, this is the blood of the
New Testament, shed for thy sins.

When all have communed, then shall follow the Thanksgiving.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is
good.

And His mercy endureth forever.

WE give thanks to Thee, Almighty God,
that Thou hast refreshed us through
this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee, that
of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us
through the same in faith toward Thee and

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in fervent love towards one another, through
Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord, who
liveth and reigneth with Thee, and the Holy
Ghost, ever one God, world without end.
Amen.

*Then may the Congregation, all standing, sing a Hymn, and
the Minister shall say*

The Benediction.

After the Benediction the Congregation should offer silent prayer.

THE ORDER OF
Evening Service, or Vespers.

The Versicle with the Gloria Patri, as here followeth, may be sung or said responsively, all standing to the end of the Psalm.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!

During the Passion Season the Hallelujah shall be omitted. Then shall be sung or said one or more Psalms. An Antiphon may be used with each Psalm.

The Psalm.

At the end of each Psalm the Gloria Patri shall be sung.

Gloria Patri.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Scripture Lesson shall then be read.

The Lesson.

After each Lesson a Responsory may be sung.

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Then may follow a

Sermon.

Then may the Offering be gathered.

Then shall be sung

The Hymn.

Then, all standing, may be sung or said this Versicle. But on Festival days, a special Versicle may be used.

Let my prayer be set forth before Thee as incense.

And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

The Canticle.

Then shall be sung the Magnificat. (St. Luke i. 46.)

***M**Y soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.*

For He hath regarded: the low estate of His handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For He that is mighty hath done to me great things: and holy is His name.

And His mercy is on them that fear Him: from generation to generation.

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*He hath showed strength with His arm:
He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.*

He hath put down the mighty from their seats: and exalted them of low degree.

*He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich He hath sent empty away.*

He hath holpen His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy: as He spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Or the

Nunc Dimittis. (St. Luke ii. 29.)

LORD, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace: according to Thy word.

*For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation:
which Thou hast prepared before the face
of all people.*

*A light to lighten the Gentiles: and the
glory of Thy people Israel.*

or Vespers.

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.*

An Antiphon may be sung with the Canticle.

*Then shall be said the Prayers here following; or the Suffrages,
the Litany, or other Prayers may be used.*

The Prayer.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then all shall say:

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hal-
lowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom
come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive
those who trespass against us. And lead us
not into temptation; but deliver us from evil:
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Evening Service,

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Then shall be said the Collect for the Day; the Collect for the Sunday is said throughout the week following until Friday, but on Saturday the Collect for the following Sunday is said. Then may be said any other Collects, and after that this Collect for peace. A Versicle may be used with the Collects.

O GOD from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto Thy servants that peace, which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Then shall the Minister say:

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. *Amen.*

At the close of the Service silent prayer should be offered.

THE ORDER OF
Early Service, or Matins.

The Versicles here following, with the Gloria Patri, may be sung or said, all standing to the end of the Venite.

O LORD, open Thou my lips.
And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!

During the Passion Season the Hallelujah shall be omitted.

Then shall follow the Invitatory with the Venite. (Psalm xciv.) On Festival days, a special Invitatory may be used (Pages 138-154). The Invitatory is repeated at the end of the Venite.

O COME, let us worship the Lord:
For He is our Maker.

Psalm xciv.

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord: let
us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Early Service,

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving: and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.

In His hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, and He made it: and His hands formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For He is our God: and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then shall be sung

The Hymn.

Then, all standing to the end of the Psalm, shall be sung or said one or more Psalms. At the end of the Psalm, the Gloria Patri shall be sung. An Antiphon may be used with each Psalm.

The Psalm.

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The Scripture Lessons shall then be read. After each Lesson a Responsory may be sung.

The Lesson.

If there be a Sermon, then may follow

The Canticle.

The Congregation shall stand and sing the Te Deum Laudamus, or the Benedictus, or another Canticle.

WE praise thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee: the Father everlasting.

To Thee all angels cry aloud: the heavens, and all the powers therein.

To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim: continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles: praise Thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise Thee.

The noble army of Martyrs: praise Thee.

Early Service,

The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge Thee;

The Father: of an infinite Majesty;

Thine adorable, true: and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory: O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man: Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a Virgin.

When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death: Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come: to be our Judge.

We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants: whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with Thy saints: in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Thy people: and bless Thine heritage.

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Govern them : and lift them up for ever.

Day by day : we magnify Thee.

*And we worship Thy name : ever, world
without end.*

*Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day
without sin.*

*O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy
upon us.*

*O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us : as our
trust is in Thee.*

*O Lord, in Thee have I trusted : let me
never be confounded.*

The Benedictus. (St. Luke i.)

An Antiphon may be sung with the Benedictus :

B*LESSED be the Lord God of Israel :
for He hath visited and redeemed
His people,*

*And hath raised up a horn of salvation
for us : in the house of His servant David ;*

*As He spake by the mouth of His holy
prophets : which have been since the world
began ;*

*That we should be saved from our enemies :
and from the hand of all that hate us ;*

Early Service,

To perform the mercy promised to our fathers: and to remember His holy covenant.

The oath which he sware to our father Abraham: that He would grant unto us;

That we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies: might serve him without fear,

In holiness and righteousness before Him: all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto His people: by the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,

To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death: to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

or Matins.

Then shall be said the Prayers here following. Or, instead, the Suffrages, the Litany, or other prayers may be used.

The Prayer.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

One or more Collects may then be used, after which the Minister may say:

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

At the close of the Service, silent prayer should be offered.

Introits and Collects for the Church Year.

The Introits have their proper music, but they may be sung to the Psalm tones. The Introit, as far as the Psalm, may be repeated after the Gloria Patri.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

Introit.

UNTO thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul: O my God, I trust in thee;

Let me not be ashamed: let not mine enemies triumph over me;

Yea, let none that wait on thee: be ashamed.

Psalm. Shew me thy ways, O Lord: teach me thy paths.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Collect.

STIR up, we beseech thee, thy power, O Lord, and come; that by thy protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins, and saved by thy mighty deliverance; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Rom. xiii: 11-14. Gospel, Matt. xxi: 1-9.

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

Introit.

DAUGHTER of Zion: behold thy salvation cometh.

The Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard: and ye shall have gladness of heart.

Ps. Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel: thou that leadest Joseph like a flock.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

STIR up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of thy only-begotten Son, so that by his coming we may be enabled to serve thee with pure minds; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

Epistle, Rom. xv: 4-13. Gospel, Luke xxi: 25-36.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

Introit.

REJOICE in the Lord alway: and again I say, rejoice.

Let your moderation be known unto all men: the Lord is at hand.

Be careful for nothing: but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Introits and Collects.

Ps. Lord thou hast been favorable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

LORD, we beseech thee, give ear to our prayers, and lighten the darkness of our hearts, by thy gracious visitation; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Cor. iv: 1-5. Gospel, Matt. xi. 2-10.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

Introit.

DROP down, ye heavens, from above: and let the skies pour down righteousness;

Let the earth open: and bring forth salvation.

Ps. The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

STIR up, O Lord, we beseech thee, thy power, and come, and with great might succor us, that by the help of thy grace whatsoever is hindered by our sins may be speedily accomplished, through thy mercy and satisfaction; who livest

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and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost,
ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Philippians iv: 4-7. Gospel, John i: 19-28.

Other Collects for the Season of Advent.

MERCIFULLY hear, O Lord, the prayers of
thy people; that as they rejoice in the ad-
vent of thine only-begotten Son according to the
flesh, so when he cometh a second time in his
majesty, they may receive the reward of eternal
life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who
liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost,
ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O GOD, who dost gladden us with the yearly
anticipation of our redemption: grant that
we who now joyfully receive thine only-begotten
Son as our Redeemer, may also behold him with-
out fear when he cometh as our Judge; who liveth
and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever
one God, world without end. *Amen.*

MOST merciful God, who hast given thine
eternal Word to be made incarnate of the
pure Virgin: grant unto thy people grace to put
away fleshly lusts, that so they may be ready for
thy visitation; through the same, thy Son, Jesus
Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with
thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world
without end. *Amen.*

Introits and Collects.

CHRISTMAS.

Introit.

UNTO us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God: the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Ps. O sing unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvelous things.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect for Christmas Night.

OGOD, who hast made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true light: grant, we beseech thee, that as we have known on earth the mysteries of that light, we may also come to the fullness of its joys in heaven; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Collect for Christmas Day.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the new birth of thine only-begotten Son in the flesh, may set us free, who are held in the old bondage under the yoke of sin; through the same, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and

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reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Tit. ii : 11-14; Isa. ix : 2-7. Gospel, Luke ii : 1-14.

SECOND CHRISTMAS DAY.

The Introit and Collect are the same as for Christmas day.

Epistle, Titus iii: 4-7. Gospel, Luke ii : 15-20.

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.

Introit.

THY testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, forever.

Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.

Ps. The Lord reigneth, he is clothed with majesty: the Lord is clothed with strength, where-with he hath girded himself.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, direct our actions according to thy good pleasure, that in the name of thy beloved Son, we may be made to abound in good works; through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Galatians iv : 1-7. Gospel, Luke ii : 33-40.

Introits and Collects.

THE CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST—NEW YEAR.

Introit.

O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth: who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

What is man that thou are mindful of him: and the son of a man that thou visitest him?

Ps. Thou, O Lord, art our Father and our Redeemer: from everlasting is thy name.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O LORD God, who for our sakes hast made thy blessed Son our Saviour subject to the law, and caused him to endure the circumcision of the flesh: grant us the true circumcision of the spirit, that our hearts may be pure from all sinful desires and lusts; through the same, thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift: we give thee thanks for all thy benefits, temporal and spiritual, bestowed upon us in the year past, and we beseech thee of thy goodness, grant us a favorable and joyful year, defend us from all dangers and adversities, and send upon us the fullness of

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thy blessing; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.
Amen.

Epistle, Gal. iii: 23-29. Gospel, Luke ii: 21.

SUNDAY AFTER NEW YEAR.

The Introit and Collect are the same as for the Sunday after Christmas.

Epistle, 1 Pet. iv: 12-19. Gospel, Matt. ii: 13-23.

EPIPHANY.

Introit.

BEHOLD the Lord, the Ruler hath come; and the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are in his hand.

Ps. Give the King thy judgments, O God: and thy righteousness unto the King's son.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: mercifully grant, that we, who know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; through the same, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Isaiah lx: 1-6. Gospel, Matt. ii: 1-12.

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

Introit.

I SAW also the Lord sitting upon a throne: high and lifted up.

And I heard the voice of a great multitude, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Ps. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Rom. xii : 1-5. Gospel, Luke ii : 41-52.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

Introit.

ALL the earth shall worship thee: and shall sing unto thee, O God.

They shall sing to thy name: O thou Most High.

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Ps. Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: sing forth the honor of his name, make his praise glorious.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Rom. xii: 6-16. Gospel, John ii: 1-11.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

Introit.

WORSHIP him, all ye his angels: Zion heard and was glad.

The daughters of Judah rejoiced: because of thy judgments, O Lord.

Ps. The Lord reigneth, let the earth rejoice: let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth the right

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hand of thy majesty, to help and defend us: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Rom. xii : 16-21. Gospel, Matt. viii : 1-13.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

The Introit is the same as for the Third Sunday after Epiphany.

Collect.

ALmighty God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Rom. xiii : 8-10. Gospel, Matt. viii : 23-27.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

The Introit is the same as for the Third Sunday after Epiphany.

Collect.

OLORD, we beseech thee to keep thy Church and household continually in thy true religion; that they who do lean upon the hope of thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by thy mighty power; through Jesus Christ, thy Son,

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our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Col. iii: 12-17. Gospel, Matt. xiii: 24-30.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

Introit.

THE lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook.

Ps. How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts: My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, who in the glorious Transfiguration of thine only-begotten Son, hast confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of the fathers, and who, in the voice that came from the bright cloud, didst in a wonderful manner foreshow the adoption of sons: mercifully vouchsafe to make us co-heirs with the King of his glory, and bring us to the enjoyment of the same; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 2 Pet. i: 16-21. Gospel, Matt. xvii: 1-9.

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SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY.

Introit.

THE sorrows of death compassed me: the sorrows of hell compassed me about.

In my distress, I called upon the Lord: and he heard my voice out of his temple.

Ps. I will love thee, O Lord my strength: the Lord is my rock and my fortress!

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O LORD, we beseech thee favorably to hear the prayers of thy people: that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Cor. ix: 24-x: 5. Gospel, Matt. xx: 1-16.

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY.

Introit.

A WAKE, why sleepest thou, O Lord: arise, cast us not off forever.

Wherefore hidest thou thy face: and forgettest our affliction?

Our soul is bowed down to the dust: arise for our help and redeem us.

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Ps. We have heard with our ears, O God: our fathers have told us what work thou didst in their days.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, who seest that we put not our trust in anything that we do: mercifully grant, that by the power of thy Son, the teacher of nations, we may be defended against all adversity; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 2 Cor. xi: 19–xii: 9. Gospel, Luke viii: 4–15.

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY.

Introit.

BE thou my strong rock: for an house of defence to save me.

Thou art my rock and my fortress: therefore for thy name's sake lead me and guide me.

Ps. In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully hear our prayers, and, having set us free from the bonds of sin, defend us from all evil; through

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Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Cor. xiii : 1-13. Gospel, Luke xviii : 31-43.

ASH WEDNESDAY, OR FIRST DAY OF LENT.

Introit.

I WILL cry unto God most high: unto God that performeth all things for me.

Yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge: until these calamities be overpast.

Ps. Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Joel ii; 12-19. Gospel, Matt. vi : 16-21.

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (INVOCAVIT).

Introit.

HE shall call upon me, and I will answer him ;
I will deliver him and honor him.

With long life will I satisfy him : and show him
my salvation.

Ps. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the
Most High : shall abide under the shadow of the
Almighty.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O LORD, mercifully hear our prayer, and stretch
forth the right hand of thy majesty to defend
us from them that rise up against us; through
Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and
reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one
God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 2 Cor. vi: 1-10. Gospel, Matt. iv: 1-11.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT (REMINISCERE).

Introit.

REMEMBER, O Lord, thy tender mercies and
thy loving kindnesses: for they have been
ever of old.

Let not mine enemies triumph over me: God of
Israel, deliver us out of all our troubles.

Ps. Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul:

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O my God, I trust in thee; let me not be ashamed.
Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, who seest that of ourselves we have no strength: keep us both outwardly and inwardly; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Thess. iv: 1-7. Gospel, Matt. xv: 21-28.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (OCULI).

Introit.

MINE eyes are ever toward the Lord: for he shall pluck my feet out of the net. .

Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me: for I am desolate and afflicted.

Ps. Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul:
O my God, I trust in thee; let me not be ashamed.
Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy majesty to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reign-

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eth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Ephesians v : 1-9. Gospel, Luke xi : 14-28.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (LÆTARE).

Introit.

REJOICE ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her: all ye that love her.

Rejoice for joy with her: all ye that mourn for her.

Ps. I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Gal. iv : 21-31. Gospel, John vi : 1-15.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (JUDICA).

Introit.

JUDGE me, O God: and plead my cause against an ungodly nation.

O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man; for thou art the God of my strength.

Introits and Collects.

Ps. O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people, that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul: through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Heb. ix: 11-15. Gospel, John viii: 46-59.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT (PALMARUM).

Introit.

BE not thou far from me, O Lord: O my strength, haste thee to help me.

Save me from the lion's mouth: and deliver me from the horns of the unicorns.

Ps. My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me: why art thou so far from helping me?

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALmighty and everlasting God, who hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example

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of his great humility: mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Phil. ii: 5-11. Gospel, Matt. xxi: 1-9.

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK.

Introit.

PLEAD my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me.

Take hold of shield and buckler: and stand up for mine help.

Ps. Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who amid so many adversities do fail through our own infirmities, may be restored through the passion and intercession of thine only-begotten Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Is. i: 5-10. Gospel, John xii: 1-23, or The Passion History.

Introits and Collects.

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK.

Introit.

GOD forbid that I should glory: save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead: by him we are redeemed and set at liberty.

Ps. God be merciful unto us, and bless us: and cause his face to shine upon us.

Glory be the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, grant us grace so to pass through this holy time of our Lord's Passion, that we may obtain the pardon of our sins: through the same, thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Jer. xi: 18-20. Gospel, John xii: 24-43, or The Passion History.

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK.

Introit.

AT the name of Jesus every knee shall bow: of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth.

For he became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross: wherefore he is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Holy Week.

Ps. Hear my prayer, O Lord: and let my cry come unto thee.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds are continually afflicted, may mercifully be relieved by the Passion of thine only-begotten Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Is. lxii: 11-lxiii: 7. Gospel, Luke xxii: 1-xxiii: 42, or The Passion History.

THURSDAY IN HOLY WEEK.

The Introit is the same as for Tuesday.

Collect.

OLORD God, who hast left unto us in a wonderful sacrament a memorial of thy passion: grant, we beseech thee, that we may so use this sacrament of thy body and blood, that the fruits of thy redemption may continually be manifest in us; thou, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Cor. xi: 23-32. Gospel, John xiii: 1-15, or The Passion History.

Introits and Collects.

GOOD FRIDAY.

The same Introit as for Tuesday, or this:

SURELY he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows: he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities.

All we like sheep have gone astray: and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Ps. Hear my prayer, O Lord: let my cry come unto thee.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collects.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

MERCIFUL and everlasting God, who hast not spared thine only Son, but delivered him up for us all, that he might bear our sins upon the cross: grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in him that we may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the same, thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Easter.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast willed that thy Son should bear for us the pains of the cross, that thou mightest remove from us the power of the adversary: help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's Passion that we may obtain remission of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Epistle, Isa. lii: 13–liii: 12. Gospel, John xviii: 1–xix: 42, or The Passion History.

EASTER.

Introit.

WHEN I awake, I am still with thee. Hallelujah: Thou hast laid thine hand upon me. Hallelujah!

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me: it is high, I cannot attain unto it. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Ps. O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me: thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising.

Glory be to the Father, &c

Or this:

HE is risen, Hallelujah: Why seek ye the living among the dead? Hallelujah!

Remember how he spake unto you, Hallelujah:

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the Son of man must be crucified, and the third day rise again. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Ps. Thou crownedst him with glory and honor: thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect for Easter Eve.

O GOD, who didst enlighten this most holy night with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: preserve in all thy people the spirit of adoption, which thou hast given, so that renewed in body and soul they may perform unto thee a pure service; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Collect for Easter Day.

ALMIGHTY God, who through thine only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: we humbly beseech thee, that, as thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Easter.

Other Easter Collects.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we who celebrate thy paschal feast, kindled with heavenly desires, may ever thirst for the Fountain of Life, Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we who celebrate the solemnities of the Lord's resurrection, may by the renewal of thy Holy Spirit rise again from the death of the soul; through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Cor. v: 6-8. Gospel, Mark xvi: 1-8.

EASTER MONDAY.

The Introit and the Collect are the same as for Easter Day.

Epistle, Acts x: 34-41. Gospel, Luke xxiv: 13-35.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (QUASIMODO GENITI).

Introit.

AS new-born babes: desire the sincere milk of the word.

Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me.

Ps. Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Introits and Collects.

Collect.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we who have celebrated the solemnities of the Lord's resurrection may by the help of thy grace bring forth the fruits thereof in our life and conversation; through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 John v : 4-12. Gospel, John xx : 19-31.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (MISERICORDIAS).

Introit.

THE earth is full of the goodness of the Lord: by the word of the Lord were the heavens made.

Ps. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, who, by the humiliation of thy Son, didst raise up the fallen world: grant unto thy faithful ones perpetual gladness, and those whom thou hast delivered from the danger of everlasting death, do thou make partakers of eternal joys; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,

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who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Peter ii: 21-25. Gospel, John x: 11-16.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (JUBILATE).

Introit.

MAKE a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: sing forth the honor of his name; make his praise glorious.

Ps. Say unto God, how terrible art thou in thy works: through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, who showest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Peter: 11-20. Gospel, John xvi: 16-23.

Introits and Collects.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (CANTATE).

Introit.

O SING unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvelous things.

The Lord hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

Ps. His right hand, and his holy arm: hath gotten him the victory.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, who makest the minds of the faithful to be of one will: grant unto thy people that they may love what thou commandest, and desire what thou dost promise; that among the manifold changes of this world, our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, James i: 16-21. Gospel, John xvi: 5-15.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (ROGATE).

Introit.

WITH the voice of singing declare ye, and tell this: utter it even to the end of the earth.
Hallelujah!

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The Lord hath redeemed his servant Jacob:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Ps. Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: sing forth the honor of his name; make his praise glorious.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, from whom all good things do come, grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be right, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same: through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, James i: 22-27. Gospel, John xvi: 23-30.

ASCENSION DAY.

Introit.

YE men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven: Hallelujah!

This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Ps. O clap your hands, all ye people: shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

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Collect.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thine only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O KING of glory, Lord of Hosts, who didst this day ascend in triumph far above all heavens: we beseech thee leave us not comfortless, but send to us the Spirit of truth, promised of the Father; O thou, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Acts i: 1-11. Gospel, Mark xvi: 14-20.

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION (EXAUDI).

Introit.

HEAR, O Lord, when I cry with my voice:
Hallelujah!

When thou saidst, seek ye my face, my heart said unto thee, thy face, Lord, will I seek: Hide not thy face from me. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Ps. The Lord is my Light, and my Salvation: whom shall I fear?

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Sundays after Ascension.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY, everlasting God, make us to have always a devout will towards thee, and to serve thy majesty with a pure heart; through thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Peter iv: 7-11. Gospel, John xv: 26-xvi: 4.

WHITSUNDAY.

Introit.

THE Spirit of the Lord filleth the world: Hallelujah!

Let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Ps. Let God arise; let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, who didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Acts ii: 1-13. Gospel, John xvi: 23-31.

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WHITSUN-MONDAY.

The Introit is the same as for Whitsunday.

Collect.

O GOD, who didst give thy Holy Spirit to thine Apostles: grant unto thy people the performance of their petitions, so that on us to whom thou hast given faith, thou mayest also bestow peace; through our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Acts x : 42-48. Gospel, John iii : 16-21.

THE FESTIVAL OF THE TRINITY.

Introit.

BLESSED be the Holy Trinity, and the undivided Unity:

Let us give glory to him because he hath shown his mercy to us.

Ps. O Lord, our Lord: how excellent is thy name in all the earth.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Or this:

HOLY, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of Hosts: of him, and through him, and to him, are all things.

Ps. O Lord, our Lord: how excellent is thy name in all the earth.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Sundays after Trinity.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast given unto us, thy servants, grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the Eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity; we beseech thee, that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Rom. xi: 33-36. Gospel, John iii: 1-15.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

O LORD, I have trusted in thy mercy: my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

I will sing unto the Lord: because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

Ps. How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord: How long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee: mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping

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thy commandments we may please thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 John iv: 16-21. Gospel, Luke xiv: 19-31.

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Introit.

THE Lord was my stay; he brought me forth also into a large place:

He delivered me, because he delighted in me.

Ps. I will love thee, O Lord, my strength: the Lord is my Rock, and my Fortress.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern those whom thou dost bring up in thy steadfast fear and love: make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy name; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 John iii: 13-18. Gospel, Luke xiv: 16-24.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

TURN thee unto me, and have mercy upon me: for I am desolate and afflicted.

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Look upon mine affliction and my pain: and forgive all my sins.

Ps. Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul: O my God, I trust in thee, let me not be ashamed.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that thou being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.
Amen.

Epistle, 1 Peter v: 6-11. Gospel, Luke xv: 1-10.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

THE Lord is my Light and my Salvation; whom shall I fear: The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me: they stumbled and fell.

Ps. Though an host should encamp against me: my heart shall not fear.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

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Collect.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Rom. viii : 18-23. Gospel, Luke vi : 36-42.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

HEAR, O Lord, when I cry with my voice:
thou hast been my help.

Leave me not, neither forsake me: O God of my salvation.

Ps. The Lord is my Light and my Salvation:
whom shall I fear?

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord,

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who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Peter iii: 8-15. Gospel, Luke v: 1-11.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

THE Lord is the strength of his people: he is the saving strength of his anointed.

Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up forever.

Ps. Unto thee will I cry, O Lord, my Rock; be not silent unto me: lest if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

LORD of all power and might, who art the Author and Giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Rom. vi: 3-11. Gospel, Matt. v: 20-26.

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

O CLAP your hands, all ye people: Shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

Ps. He shall subdue the people under us: and the nations under our feet.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, whose never-failing Providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; we humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Rom. vi: 19-23. Gospel, Mark viii: 1-9.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

WE have thought of thy loving kindness, O God: in the midst of thy temple.

According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Ps. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised:

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in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

GRANT to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right; that we, who cannot do anything that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Rom. viii: 12-17. Gospel, Matt. vii: 15-23.

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

BEHOLD, God is mine helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: cut them off in thy truth, O Lord.

Ps. Save me, O God, by thy name: and judge me by thy strength.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

LET thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask

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such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Cor. x : 6-13. Gospel, Luke xvi : 1-9.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

AS for me, I will call upon God; and he shall hear my voice: he hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me.

God shall hear and afflict them; even he that abideth of old: cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee.

Ps. Give ear to my prayer, O God: and hide not thyself from my supplication.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, who declarest thine almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Cor. xii : 1-11. Gospel, Luke xix : 41-48.

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

GOD is in his holy habitation, he is God who setteth the solitary in families:

The God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto his people.

Ps. Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire, or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Cor. xv: 1-10. Gospel, Luke xviii: 9-14.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

MAKE haste, O God, to deliver me: make haste to help me, O Lord.

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Let them be ashamed and confounded: that seek after my soul.

Ps. Let them be turned backward, and put to confusion: that desire my hurt.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service: grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, true God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 2 Cor. iii: 4-11. Gospel, Mark vii: 31-37.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

HAVE respect, O Lord, unto thy covenant: O let not the oppressed return ashamed.

Arise, O God, plead thine own cause: and forget not the voice of thine enemies.

Ps. O God, why hast thou cast us off forever: why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture?

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Sundays after Trinity.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Gal. iii: 15-22. Gospel, Luke x: 23-37.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

BEHOLD, O God, our shield, and look upon the face of thine Anointed:

For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand.

Ps. How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts: my soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

KEEP, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy: and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who

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liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost,
ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Gal. v: 16-24. Gospel, Luke xvii: 11-19.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

BOW down thine ear, O Lord, hear me: O thou,
my God, save thy servant that trusteth in
thee.

Be merciful to me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee
daily.

Ps. Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto
thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O LORD, we beseech thee, let continual pity
cleanse and defend thy Church; and because
it cannot continue in safety without thy succor,
preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness;
through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who
liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost,
ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Gal. v: 25-vi: 10. Gospel, Matt. vi: 24-34.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

BE merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto
thee daily.

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For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive:
and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call
upon thee.

Ps. Bow down thine ear, O Lord, hear me: for
I am poor and needy.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

LORD, we beseech thee, that thy grace may
always go before and follow after us, and
make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who
liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost,
ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Eph. iii: 13-21. Gospel, Luke vii: 11-17.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

RIGHTEOUS art thou, O Lord, and upright are
thy judgments:

Deal with thy servant according to thy mercy.

Ps. Blessed are the undefiled in the way: who
walk in the law of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

LORD, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace
to withstand the temptations of the devil, and
with pure hearts and minds to follow thee, the only

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God; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Eph. iv : 1-6. Gospel, Luke xiv : 1-11.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

REWARD them that wait for thee, O Lord: and let thy prophets be found faithful.

Hear the prayer of thy servants: and of thy people Israel.

Ps. I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee: mercifully grant, that the Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Cor. i : 4-9. Gospel, Matt. xxii : 34-46.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

SAY unto my soul, I am thy salvation: the righteous cry, and the Lord heareth;

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He delivereth them out of their troubles: he is their God for ever and ever.

Ps. Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready, both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that thou wouldest have done; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Eph. iv : 22-28. Gospel, Matt. ix : 1-8.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

THE Lord our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice.

Give glory to thy name, O Lord: and deal with us according to the multitude of thy mercies.

Ps. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised: in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

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Collect.

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.
Amen.

Epistle, Eph. v: 15-21. Gospel, Matt. xxii: 1-14.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

THE whole world is in thy power, O Lord, King Almighty: there is no man that can gainsay thee.

For thou hast made heaven and earth, and all the wondrous things under the heaven: thou art Lord of all.

Ps. Blessed are the undefiled in the way: who walk in the law of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy household, the Church, in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our

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Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.
Amen.

Epistle, Eph. vi: 10-17. Gospel, John iv: 46-54.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

IF thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities: O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with thee: that thou mayest be feared, O God of Israel.

Ps. Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, our Refuge and Strength, who art the author of all godliness: be ready, we beseech thee, to hear the devout prayers of thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Phil. i: 3-11. Gospel, Matt. xviii 3-35.

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

I KNOW the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord: thoughts of peace, and not of evil.

Then shall ye call upon me, and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you: and I will turn your captivity, and gather you from all nations and from all places.

Ps. Lord, thou hast been favorable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ABSOLVE, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy people from their offences; that from the bonds of our sins which, by reason of our frailty, we have brought upon us, we may be delivered by thy bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Phil. iii: 17-21. Gospel, Matt. xxii: 15-22.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

COME, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

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For he is our God: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Ps. O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

STIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Col. i: 9-14. Gospel, Matt. ix: 18-26.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

HAVE mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.

Let me not be ashamed, O Lord: for I have called upon thee.

Ps. In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be ashamed.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

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Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee, show thy mercy unto thy humble servants, that we who put no trust in our merits may not be dealt with after the severity of thy judgment, but according to thy mercy; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Thess. iv : 13-18. Gospel, Matt. xxiv : 15-28.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

SAVE me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength:

Hear my prayer, O God: give ear to the words of my mouth.

Ps. He shall reward evil to mine enemies: cut them off in thy truth.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by thy Holy Spirit, that being ever mindful of the end of all things, and the day of thy just judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here, and dwell with thee forever hereafter; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our

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Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.
Amen.

Epistle, 2 Peter iii: 3-14, or 2 Thess. i: 3-10. Gospel,
Matt. xxv: 31-46.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

The Introit and Collect for the Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity may be used on the last Sunday after Trinity in each year.

Epistle, 1 Thess. v: 1-11. Gospel, Matt. xxv: 1-13.

THE FESTIVAL OF HARVEST.

Introit.

O LORD, thou crownest the year with thy goodness: and thy paths drop fatness.

Thou visitest the earth and waterest it: thou blessest the springing thereof.

Ps. Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, most merciful Father, who openest thy hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing: we give thee most humble and hearty thanks that thou hast crowned the fields with thy blessing, and hast permitted us once more to gather in the fruits of the earth; and we beseech thee to bless and protect the living seed of

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thy word sown in our hearts, that in the plenteous fruits of righteousness we may always present to thee an acceptable thank-offering; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION.

Introit.

THE Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed: and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.

Ps. God is our refuge and strength: a very present help in trouble.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O LORD God, heavenly Father: pour out, we beseech thee, thy Holy Spirit upon thy faithful people, keep them steadfast in thy grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptation, defend them against all enemies of thy word, and bestow upon Christ's Church militant thy saving peace; through the same, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Humiliation and Prayer.

A DAY OF HUMILIATION AND PRAYER.

Introit.

HEAR, O heavens, and give ear, O earth, for the Lord hath spoken: I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

They have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger: they are gone away backward.

Ps. If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities: O Lord, who shall stand?

On this day the Gloria Patri is omitted.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, our heavenly Father, of whose compassion there is no end, who art long suffering, gracious, and plentiful in goodness and truth; forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin; we have sinned and done perversely, we have forsaken and grievously offended thee; against thee, thee only, have we sinned, and done evil in thy sight; but we beseech thee, O Lord, remember not against us former iniquities; let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us, for we are brought very low; help us, O God of our salvation, and purge away our sins, for the glory of thy holy name, and for the sake of thy

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dear Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

A DAY OF GENERAL OR SPECIAL THANKSGIVING.

Introit.

LET everything that hath breath praise the Lord: praise ye the Lord.

Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Ps. Praise ye the Lord; praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, whose mercies are new unto us every morning, and who, though we have in no wise deserved thy goodness, dost abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul: give us, we pray thee, thy Holy Spirit, that we may heartily acknowledge thy merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all thy benefits, and serve thee in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Presentation.

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST.

The Introit is the same as for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and ever living God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that as thine only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Malachi iii: 1-4. Gospel, Luke ii: 22-32.

Invitatories, Antiphons, Responsories, and Versicles for the Church Year.

The Invitatory varies with the Season, and is always used with Psalm xcvi. at Matins. It is divided into two parts, separated by a colon. The first part, or the whole, of the Invitatory may be sung or said by the Minister, or sung by a single voice, or by the choir, before the Psalm; and after the Psalm and Gloria Patri the whole Invitatory shall be sung.

An Antiphon is used at Matins and Vespers to the Psalms, the Magnificat, the Nunc Dimittis, and the Benedictus. It is used in the same manner as the Invitatory.

The Responsory varies with the Season, and may be sung after the last Lesson at Vespers and Matins. At the end of the Responsory is sung: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost (but not "As it was in the beginning," &c.), followed by the repetition of the last sentence of the Responsory.

A Versicle may be used at Vespers after the Hymn, and at Vespers and Matins before the closing Collect. A Versicle is used before the Litany Collect. The first part of the Versicle is said by the Minister, and the second part sung or said by the people.

ADVENT.

Invitatory.

BEHOLD, the King cometh: O come, let us worship him.

Antiphons.

1. Behold, the name of the Lord cometh from far: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory.

Responsories, Versicles.

2. Come, O Lord, and make no tarrying: loosen the bonds of thy people Israel.

3. Rejoice greatly, O Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh.

4. Behold, the Lord shall come, and all his saints with him: and in that day the light shall be great. Hallelujah!

Responsory.

BEHOLD, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. And this is his name, whereby he shall be called, The Lord our Righteousness.

Verse. In his days shall Judah be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely.

And this is his name whereby he shall be called, The Lord our Righteousness.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

And this is his name whereby he shall be called, The Lord our Righteousness.

Versicles.

1. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined:

Our God shall come. Hallelujah!

2. Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Hallelujah:
Make his paths straight. Hallelujah!

Invitatories, Antiphons,

3. Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness:

Let the earth open and bring forth salvation.

CHRISTMAS.

Invitatory.

UNTO us the Christ is born: O come, let us worship him.

Antiphons.

1. The Lord hath said unto me: thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

2. The Lord hath sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant forever.

3. Of the fruit of thy body: will I set upon thy throne.

4. Christ the Lord, thy Saviour, everlasting God and Mary's Son: we praise thee evermore.

Responsory.

THE Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. And we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Verse. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Full of grace and truth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Full of grace and truth.

Responsories, Versicles.

Versicles.

1. At even ye shall know that the Lord will come:

And in the morning, then shall ye see the glory of the Lord.

2. As the bridegroom from his chamber:

Cometh forth the Lord to run his race.

3. The Word was made flesh. Hallelujah:

And dwelt among us. Hallelujah!

4. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:

God is the Lord, which hath showed us Light.

Unto us a child is born. Hallelujah:

Unto us a Son is given. Hallelujah!

6. Unto you is born this day a Saviour. Hallelujah:

Which is Christ the Lord. Hallelujah!

THE EPIPHANY.

Invitatory.

CHRIST hath appeared unto us: O come, let us worship him.

Antiphons.

1. Give unto the Lord glory and strength: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

2. The Lord hath made known his word. Hallelujah: the word of his salvation. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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3. A light to lighten the Gentiles: and the glory of thy people Israel.

4. We have seen his star in the East: and are come to worship him.

Responsory.

ARISE, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Verse. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Versicles.

1. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents. Hallelujah:

The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. Hallelujah!

2. All they from Sheba shall come. Hallelujah:
They shall bring gold and incense. Hallelujah!

3. O praise the Lord, all ye nations. Hallelujah:

Praise him, all ye people. Hallelujah!

THE PASSION SEASON.

Antiphons.

1. Man shall not live by bread alone: but by

Responsories, Versicles.

every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

2. Behold, now is the accepted time: behold, now is the day of salvation.

3. The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together: against the Lord and against his anointed.

4. He was oppressed and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Responsory.

HE was brought as a lamb to the slaughter, he was oppressed and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he was delivered up to death, that he might quicken his people.

Verse. In Salem also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling-place in Zion.

He was delivered up to death, that he might quicken his people.

Versicles.

1. Save me from the lion's mouth, O Lord:

And deliver me from the horns of the unicorns.

2. Christ became obedient unto death:

Even the death of the cross.

3. Christ was wounded for our transgressions:

He was bruised for our iniquities.

Invitatories, Antiphons,

EASTER.

Invitatory.

THE Lord is risen indeed: Hallelujah!

Antiphons.

1. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

2. I laid me down and slept; I awaked: for the Lord sustained me. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

3. Hallelujah! The Lord is risen. Hallelujah: as he said unto you. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

4. Hallelujah! Abide with us, for it is toward evening: and the day is far spent. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Responsory.

CHRIST being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

In that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Verse. Christ was delivered for our offences and raised again for our justification.

In that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Hallelujah!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

In that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Hallelujah!

Responsories, Versicles.

Versicles.

1. The Lord is risen from the grave. Hallelujah!

Who hung for us upon the tree. Hallelujah!

Who hung for us upon the tree. Hallelujah!

2. Then were the disciples glad. Hallelujah:

When they saw the Lord. Hallelujah!

3. This is the day which the Lord hath made. Hallelujah:

We will rejoice and be glad in it. Hallelujah!

4. The Lord is risen indeed. Hallelujah:

And hath appeared unto Simon. Hallelujah!

ASCENSION DAY.

Invitatory.

HALLELUJAH! The King ascendeth into heaven: O come, let us worship him. Hallelujah!

Antiphons.

1. If I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you: but if I depart, I will send him unto you. Hallelujah!

2. Hallelujah! Christ hath ascended up on high. Hallelujah: and hath led captivity captive. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

3. I ascend unto my Father and your Father: and to my God and your God. Hallelujah!

Invitatories, Antiphons,

Responsory.

GO ye into all the world, and preach the gospel.
Hallelujah!

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Verse. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved.

Versicles.

1. I will not leave you comfortless: Hallelujah!

I go away and come again unto you. Hallelujah!

2. God is gone up with a shout. Hallelujah:

The Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Hallelujah!

WHITSUNTIDE.

Invitatory.

HALLELUJAH! The Spirit of the Lord filleth the world: O come, let us worship him.
Hallelujah!

Antiphons.

1. Come, Holy Ghost, and fill the hearts of thy faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of thy love: thou, who through divers tongues gatherest together the nations in the unity of the faith.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Responsories, Versicles.

2. Thou sendest forth thy Spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

3. I will not leave you comfortless: Hallelujah!
I will come to you, and your heart shall rejoice.
Hallelujah!

Responsory.

AND there appeared unto the Apostles cloven
tongues, like as of fire. Hallelujah!

And the Holy Ghost sat upon each of them.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Verse. And they began to speak with other
tongues the wonderful works of God.

And the Holy Ghost sat upon each of them.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Ghost.

And the Holy Ghost sat upon each of them.

Versicles.

1. The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost.
Hallelujah:

He shall teach you all things. Hallelujah!

2. And they were all filled with the Holy
Ghost. Hallelujah:

And they began to speak. Hallelujah!

3. Create in me a clean heart, O God. Halle-
lujah:

And renew a right spirit within me. Hallelujah!

Invitatories, Antiphons,

THE FESTIVAL OF TRINITY.

Invitatory.

THE true God, one in three, and three in one:
O come, let us worship him.

Antiphons.

1. Unto thee do we call, thee do we praise, thee do we worship: O blessed Trinity.

2. Glory be to thee, co-equal Trinity: one God before all worlds began, and now, and forevermore.

3. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty: Which was, and is, and is to come.

Responsory.

WE bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Praise him and magnify him forever.

Verse. Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven, and above all to be praised and glorified forever.

Praise him and magnify him forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Praise him and magnify him forever.

Versicle.

WE bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost:

Praise him and magnify him forever.

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THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION.

Antiphon.

I WILL speak of thy testimonies also before kings: and will not be ashamed.

Versicles.

1. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet. Hallelujah:

And a light unto my path. Hallelujah !

2. The Lord our God be with us. Hallelujah:

As he was with our fathers. Hallelujah !

3. Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion. Hallelujah:

Build thou the walls of Jerusalem. Hallelujah !

4. Stand fast therefore in the liberty. Hallelujah:

Wherewith Christ hath made you free. Hallelujah !

A DAY OF HUMILIATION AND PRAYER.

Antiphon.

BE merciful unto me, O Lord, for I cry unto thee daily: Bow down thine ear, O Lord, hear me, for I am poor and needy.

Versicles.

1. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness:

According unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

Invitatories, Antiphons,

2. Enter not into judgment with thy servant, O Lord:

For in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

3. Lord, deal not with us after our sins:

Nor reward us according to our iniquities.

4. Create in us a clean heart, O God:

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

5. We have sinned with our fathers:

We have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

THE FESTIVAL OF CHURCH DEDICATION.

Antiphon.

THE Lord is in his holy temple: the Lord's throne is in heaven.

Versicle.

Thy testimonies are very sure. Hallelujah:

*Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, forever.
Hallelujah!*

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE DEAD.

Antiphons.

1. God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes: and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.

2. O how glorious is that kingdom: wherein all the saints do rejoice with Christ; they are clothed with white robes and follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.

Responsories, Versicles.

Versicles.

1. We have here no continuing city. Hallelujah:

But we seek one to come. Hallelujah!

2. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. Hallelujah:

They rest from their labors and their works do follow them. Hallelujah!

FOR OTHER TIMES.

Antiphons.

1. Out of the depths: have I cried unto thee, O Lord.

2. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty: God hath shined.

3. Commit thy way unto the Lord: trust also in him.

4. Preserve my life: from the fear of the enemy.

5. It is good to sing praises: unto our God.

6. Forsake not the works: of thine own hands.

7, The Lord: is the strength of my life.

8. The Lord said unto my Lord: sit thou at my right hand.

9. Blessed be the Lord God: the God of Israel.

10. Blessed be the Lord out of Zion: which dwelleth at Jerusalem.

11. Blessed: be his glorious name forever.

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12. I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.

13. In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.

14. I will praise thy name: forever and ever.

15. Thou wilt show me: the path of life.

16. We praise the Lord: now, henceforth and forever.

17. Blessed: is the man that feareth the Lord.

Responsory.

FOREVER, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honor dwelleth.

Verse. Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honor dwelleth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honor dwelleth.

Versicles.

1. The eyes of all wait upon thee:

And thou givest them their meat in due season.

Responsories, Versicles.

2. The Lord is merciful and gracious. Hallelujah:

Slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. Hallelujah !

3. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest:
That he would send forth laborers into his harvest.

4. Ask, and ye shall receive:
That your joy may be full.

5. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good.
Hallelujah:

For his mercy endureth forever. Hallelujah !

6. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord:

And to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High.

7. Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the humble:

Thou wilt preserve their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear.

8. The Lord will give strength unto his people.
Hallelujah:

The Lord will bless his people with peace. Hallelujah !

9. They that be wise, shall shine as the brightness of the firmament. Hallelujah:

And they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever. Hallelujah !

10. By me kings reign, and princes decree justice:

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By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.

11. He shall give his angels charge over thee:
To keep thee in all thy ways.

12. The Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory. Hallelujah:

No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. Hallelujah !

13. Sanctify us through thy truth. Hallelujah:
Thy word is truth. Hallelujah !

14. Lord, teach me to do thy will. Hallelujah:
Let thy good Spirit lead me in the right way. Hallelujah !

15. Show me thy ways, O Lord. Hallelujah:
Teach me thy paths. Hallelujah !

16. Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance:
Feed them also, and lift them up forever.

17. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name:

Deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.

18. I have trusted in thy mercy:
My heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

19. Suffer the little children to come unto me,†
and forbid them not:

For of such is the kingdom of heaven.

20. Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name:

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Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Hallelujah !

21. Call upon me in the day of trouble:

I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

22. Make me to understand the way of thy precepts:

Strengthen thou me according to thy word.

Collects and Prayers.

1.

GRANT us, we beseech thee, Almighty God, a steadfast faith in Jesus Christ, a cheerful hope in thy mercy, and a sincere love to thee and to all our fellow-men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

2.

O LORD God, heavenly Father, we give thee thanks, that of thy great goodness and mercy, thou didst suffer thine only-begotten Son to become incarnate, and to redeem us from sin and everlasting death; and we beseech thee, enlighten our hearts by thy Holy Spirit, that we may evermore yield thee unfeigned thanks for this thy grace, and may comfort ourselves with the same in all time of tribulation and temptation; through the same, thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

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3.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us commandment to pray for the gift of the Holy Ghost: most heartily we beseech thee, through Jesus Christ our Advocate, to grant us thy Holy Spirit, that he may quicken our hearts by thy saving word, and lead us into all truth; that he may guide, instruct, enlighten, govern, comfort and sanctify us into everlasting life; through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

4.

SEND, we beseech thee, Almighty God, thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, that he may rule and direct us according to thy will, comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth; that we, being steadfast in the faith, may increase in love and in all good works, and in the end obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

5.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who, of thy tender love towards us sinners, hast given us thy Son, that believing on him we might have everlasting life: grant us, we beseech thee, thy Holy Spirit, that we may continue steadfast

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in this faith to the end, and may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

6.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, by thy Son, hast promised us forgiveness of sins and everlasting life, we beseech thee so to rule and govern our hearts by thy Holy Spirit, that in our daily need, and especially in all time of temptation, we may seek help from him, and by a true and lively faith in thy word obtain the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

7.

O LORD God, heavenly Father, we beseech thee, let thy Holy Spirit dwell in us, that he may enlighten and lead us into all truth, and evermore defend us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

8.

O LORD God, heavenly Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification: quicken us, we beseech thee, by thy Holy Spirit, into newness of life, that through the power of his resurrection, we may dwell with Christ forever; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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9.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who makest us both to will and to do those things which are good and acceptable unto thy divine majesty: let thy fatherly hand, we beseech thee, ever be over us; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with us; and so lead us in the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that in the end we may obtain everlasting life; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

10.

FOR THE CHURCH.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, unto thy Church, thy Holy Spirit, and the wisdom which cometh down from above, that thy word, as becometh it, may not be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve thee, and in the confession of thy name abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

11.

MERCIFUL Lord, we beseech thee to cast the bright beams of thy light upon thy Church, that it being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed Apostles, may so walk in the light of thy truth, that it may at length attain to the light of

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everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

12.

O GOD, our Protector; behold, and look upon the face of thine Anointed, who hath given himself for the redemption of all, and grant that from the rising of the sun to the going down thereof, thy name may be great among the Gentiles, and that in every place sacrifice and a pure offering may be made unto thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

13.

O LORD, favorably receive the prayers of thy Church, that being delivered from all adversity and error, it may serve thee in safety and freedom; and grant us thy peace in our time; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

14.

FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost will that not one of these little ones should perish, and hast sent thine only Son to seek and to save that which was lost, and through him hast said, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God: most heartily we beseech thee so to bless and govern the children of thy Church, by thy

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Holy Spirit, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of thy word; protect and defend them against all danger and harm, giving thy holy angels charge over them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

15.

FOR THE MINISTERS OF THE WORD.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who alone doest great wonders: send down upon thy ministers, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

16.

ALMIGHTY and gracious God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hast commanded us to pray that thou wouldest send forth laborers into thy harvest: of thine infinite mercy give us true teachers and ministers of thy word, and put thy saving Gospel in their hearts and on their lips, that they may truly fulfil thy command, and preach nothing contrary to thy holy word; that we, being warned, instructed, nurtured, comforted and strengthened by thy heavenly word, may do those things which are well-pleasing to thee, and profitable to us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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17.

O ALMIGHTY God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to thy holy Apostles many excellent gifts, and commandedst them earnestly to feed thy flock: make, we beseech thee, all pastors diligently to preach thy holy word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

18.

FOR THE CHURCH IN ITS CONFLICTS.

A LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who wilt have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth: we beseech thy glorious Majesty, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, impart the grace and help of thy Holy Spirit to all ministers of thy word, that they may purely teach it to the saving of men; bring to naught by thine almighty power and unsearchable wisdom, all of the counsels of those who hate thy word, and who, by corrupt teaching or with violent hands, would destroy it; and enlighten them with the knowledge of thy glory; that we, leading a quiet and peaceable life, may, by a pure faith, learn the riches of thy heavenly grace, and in holiness and righteousness serve thee, the only true God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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19.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ERRED.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, whose property it is always to have mercy: we most earnestly beseech thee to visit with thy fatherly correction all such as have erred and gone astray from the truth of thy holy word, and to bring them to a due sense of their error, that they may again with hearty faith receive and hold fast thine unchangeable truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

20.

O ALMIGHTY, merciful, and gracious God and Father, with our whole heart we beseech thee for all who have forsaken the Christian faith, all who have wandered from any portion thereof, or are in doubt or temptation through the corrupters of thy word, that thou wouldest visit them as Father, reveal unto them their error, and bring them back from their wanderings, that they, in singleness of heart, taking pleasure alone in the pure truth of thy word, may be made wise thereby unto everlasting life; through faith in Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

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21.

FOR UNITY.

O GOD, who restorest to the right way them that err, who gatherest them that are scattered, and preservest them that are gathered: of thy tender mercy, we beseech thee, pour upon thy Christian people the grace of unity, that all schisms being healed, thy flock, united to the true Shepherd of thy Church, may worthily serve thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

22.

FOR THE REMOVAL OF SCHISM.

BRING to nought, O Christ, the schisms of heresy, which seek to subvert thy truth; that as thou art acknowledged in heaven and in earth as one and the same Lord, so thy people, gathered from all nations, may serve thee in unity of faith. *Amen.*

23.

FOR THE JEWS.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who lovest to show mercy, hear the prayers which we offer unto thee for thine ancient people, that, acknowledging Jesus Christ, who is the Light of truth, they may be delivered from their darkness; through the same, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

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24.

FOR THE HEATHEN.

ALmighty and everlasting God, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but wouldest have all men to repent and live: hear our prayers for the heathen; take away iniquity from their hearts, and turn them from their idols unto the living and true God, and to thine only Son; and gather them into thy holy Church, to the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

25.

FOR THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES.

OMERCIFUL Father in heaven, who holdest in thy hand all the might of man, and who hast ordained the powers that be for the punishment of evil-doers, and for the praise of them that do well, and of whom is all rule and authority in the kingdoms of the world: we humbly beseech thee, graciously regard thy servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this commonwealth, our judges and magistrates, and all the rulers of the earth. May all that receive the sword, as thy ministers, bear it according to thy commandment. Enlighten and defend them by thy name, O God. Grant them wisdom and understanding, that under their peaceable governance, thy people may be guarded and directed in righteousness,

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quietness, and unity. Protect and prolong their life, O God of our salvation, that we, with them, may show forth the praise of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

26.

FOR OUR ENEMIES.

FORGIVE, we beseech thee, O Lord, our enemies, and them that despitefully use us, and so change their hearts that they may walk with us in meekness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

27.

O ALMIGHTY, everlasting God, who, through thine only Son, our blessed Lord, hast commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to them that hate us, and to pray for them that persecute us: we earnestly beseech thee that by thy gracious visitation they may be led to true repentance, and may have the same love, and be of one accord, and of one mind and heart with us, and with thy whole Church; through the same, thy dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

28.

IN TIME OF NATIONAL CALAMITY.

O LORD God, heavenly Father, we humbly confess unto thee that by our evil doings and

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continual disobedience, we have deserved these thy chastisements; but we earnestly beseech thee, for thy name's sake, to spare us; restrain the harmful power of the enemy, and succor thy suffering people, that thy word may be declared faithfully and without hindrance, and that we, amending our sinful lives, may walk obediently to thy holy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

29.

LOOK mercifully, O Lord, we beseech thee, on the affliction of thy people; and let not our sins destroy us, but let thine almighty mercy save us; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

30.

MOST loving and gracious Lord God, who for our many grievous sins art pleased sorely to chasten us, we flee to thy tender and fatherly compassion alone, beseeching thee that as a father pitieth his children thou wouldest pity us miserable sinners. Turn away thy righteous wrath, and give us not over to deserved death, but deliver us, that we may now and evermore praise thee, O gracious God and Father, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

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31.

FOR PRISONERS.

ALMIGHTY God, who didst bring the Apostle Peter forth out of prison, have mercy upon all who are suffering imprisonment, and set them free from their bonds, that we may rejoice in their deliverance, and continually give praise to thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

32.

FOR PEACE AND QUIETNESS.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to hear the prayers of thy Church, that we, being delivered from all adversities, and serving thee with a quiet mind, may enjoy thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

33.

IN THE TIME OF AFFLICTION AND DISTRESS.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the Consolation of the sorrowful, and the Strength of the weak: may the prayers of them that in any tribulation or distress cry unto thee, graciously come before thee, so that in all their necessities they may mark and receive thy manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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34.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, who hast appointed us to endure sufferings and death with our Lord Jesus Christ, before we enter with him into eternal glory; grant us grace at all times to subject ourselves to thy holy will, and to continue steadfast in the true faith unto the end of our lives, and at all times to find peace and joy in the blessed hope of the resurrection of the dead, and of the glory of the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

35.

ALMIGHTY God, cast not away thy people who cry unto thee in their tribulation; but for the glory of thy name, be pleased to succor the afflicted; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

36.

FOR THE SICK.

ALMIGHTY, everlasting God, the eternal Salvation of them that believe: hear our prayers in behalf of thy servants who are sick, for whom we implore the aid of thy mercy, that being restored to health, they may render thanks to thee in thy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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37.

O LORD, look down from heaven, behold, visit and relieve thy servants, for whom we offer our supplications; look upon them with the eyes of thy mercy; give them comfort and sure confidence in thee; defend them from the danger of the enemy, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

38.

FOR MOTHERS.

O ALMIGHTY, everlasting God and Father, Creator of all things, who by thy grace, through thy Son, our Lord, who hath redeemed us from the flesh and sin, makest the anguish of our human birth a holy and salutary cross: we pray thee, O gracious Father, Lord and God, that thou wouldest preserve and guard the work of thine own hand. Forsake not them who cry to thee in sore travail, but deliver them out of all their pains, to their joy, and to the glory of thy goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

39.

IN TIME OF GREAT SICKNESS.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, our heavenly Father, we, thine erring children, humbly confess unto thee, that we have justly de-

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served the chastening which for our sins thou hast sent upon us; but we entreat thee, of thy boundless goodness, to grant us true repentance, graciously to forgive our sins, to remove from us or to lighten our merited punishment, and so to strengthen us by thy grace that as obedient children we may be subject to thy will, and bear our afflictions in patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

40.

IN TIME OF DROUGHT.

O GOD, most merciful Father, we beseech thee to open the windows of heaven, and to send a fruitful rain upon us, to revive the earth, and to refresh the fruits thereof, for all things droop and wither; graciously hear our prayer in this our necessity, that we may praise and glorify thy name forever and ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

41.

IN TIME OF UNSEASONABLE WEATHER.

O LORD God, heavenly Father, who art gracious and merciful, and hast promised that thou wilt hear us when we call upon thee in our troubles: we beseech thee, look not upon our sins and evil doings, but upon our necessities, and according to thy mercy send us such seasonable weather, that the earth may in due time yield her

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increase; that by thy goodness we may receive our daily bread, and learn to know thee as a merciful God, and evermore give thanks to thee for thy goodness; through Jesus Christ, thy dear Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

42.

THANKSGIVING.

O LORD God, heavenly Father, from whom without ceasing we receive exceeding abundantly all good gifts, and who daily of thy pure grace guardest us against all evil; grant us, we beseech thee, thy Holy Spirit, that acknowledging with our whole heart all this thy goodness, we may now and evermore thank and praise thy loving kindness and tender mercy; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

43.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, whose mercies are new unto us every morning, and who, though we have in no wise deserved thy goodness, dost abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul: give us, we pray thee, thy Holy Spirit, that we may heartily acknowledge thy merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all thy benefits, and serve thee in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

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44.

ALmighty and most merciful God, who in thy fatherly wisdom hast chastened us on account of our sins, that we might not continue in impenitence and vain confidence, and thus perish with the ungodly: in the midst of wrath thou hast remembered mercy, and hast graciously delivered us out of our affliction. We give thee therefore most hearty thanks and praise, that thou hast turned away from us thy just anger, and shown thyself favorable toward us, thine unworthy servants. Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Thou, Lord, art merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. Glory be to thee, O God, forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

45.

GLORY be to thee, O God most holy. Glory be to thee, O God most high. Glory be to thee, O King of heaven and earth, who, as a father pitiest his children, pitiest us. Fill us with joy and gladness in the Holy Ghost, that when thou shalt render to every man according to his works, we may be found acceptable before thee, through him who hath redeemed us from the shame and curse of sin, even Jesus Christ, thy dear Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

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For Special Gifts and Graces.

46.

FOR PROTECTION DURING THE DAY.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: defend us in the same with thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

47.

FOR PROTECTION DURING THE NIGHT.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thine only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

48.

FOR GRACE TO USE OUR GIFTS.

O LORD God Almighty, who dost endue thy servants with divers and singular gifts of the Holy Ghost: leave us not, we beseech thee, destitute of thy manifold gifts, nor yet of grace to use them alway to thy honor and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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49.

FOR GRACE TO RECEIVE THE WORD.

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

50.

FOR GRACE TO BE LED INTO ALL TRUTH.

ENLIGHTEN our minds, we beseech thee, O God, by the Spirit which proceedeth from thee; that as thy Son hath promised, we may be led into all truth; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

51.

FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us thine only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him; grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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52.

FOR PENITENCE.

MERCIFUL Father, give us grace that we may never presume to sin; but if at any time we offend thy divine Majesty, may we truly repent and lament our offence, and by a lively faith obtain remission of all our sins; solely through the merits of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

53.

FOR PARDON.

HEAR, we beseech thee, O Lord, the prayer of thy suppliants, and spare those who confess their sins unto thee, that thou mayest bestow upon us both pardon and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

54.

FOR DELIVERANCE FROM SIN.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, in thy clemency to show us thine unspeakable mercy; that thou mayest both set us free from our sins, and rescue us from the punishment which, for our sins, we deserve; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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55.

FOR GRACE TO DO GOD'S WILL.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

56.

FOR GRACE TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD.

O GOD, who, through the grace of thy Holy Spirit, dost pour the gifts of charity into the hearts of thy faithful people: grant unto thy servants health both of mind and body, that they may love thee with their whole strength, and with their whole heart perform those things which are pleasing unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

57.

FOR AID AGAINST TEMPTATION.

O GOD, who justifiest the ungodly, and who desirest not the death of the sinner: we humbly implore thy majesty, that thou wouldest

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graciously assist, by thy heavenly aid, and evermore shield with thy protection, thy servants who trust in thy mercy, that they may be separated by no temptations from thee, and, without ceasing, may serve thee; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

58.

FOR FAITH.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who hast given to them that believe exceeding great and precious promises: grant us so perfectly, and without all doubt, to believe in thy Son Jesus Christ, that our faith may in thy sight never be reprov'd. Hear us, O Lord, through the same, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

59.

FOR DIVINE GUIDANCE AND HELP.

DIRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name; and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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60.

O ALMIGHTY and everliving God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

61.

FOR SPIRITUAL ILLUMINATION.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the brightness of thy glory may shine forth upon us, and that the light of thy light, by the illumination of the Holy Spirit, may stablish the hearts of all that have been born anew by thy grace; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

62.

FOR LIKENESS TO CHRIST.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an ensample of godly life: give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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63.

FOR A RIGHT KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST.

O ALMIGHTY God, whom to know is everlasting life: grant us perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life; that following his steps we may steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

64.

FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT.

O LORD God, heavenly Father, who by the blessed light of thy divine word hast led us to the knowledge of thy Son; we most heartily beseech thee so to replenish us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that we may ever walk in the light of thy truth, and rejoicing with sure confidence in Christ our Saviour, may in the end be brought unto everlasting salvation; through the same, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

65.

A LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who of thy great mercy in Jesus Christ, thy Son, dost grant us forgiveness of sin, and all things pertaining to life and godliness: grant us, we beseech thee, thy Holy Spirit, that he may so rule our

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hearts that we, being ever mindful of thy fatherly mercy, may strive to mortify the flesh, and to overcome the world; and serving thee in holiness and pureness of living, may give thee continual thanks for all thy goodness; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

66.

FOR PURITY.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

67.

FOR INNOCENCY OF LIFE.

O GOD, whose strength is made perfect in weakness: mortify and kill all vices in us, and so strengthen us by thy grace, that by the innocency of our lives, and the constancy of our faith even unto death, we may glorify thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

68.

FOR LOVE TO GOD.

O GOD, who makest all things to work together for good to them that love thee; pour into

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our hearts such steadfast love toward thee, that the pure desires which by thy Spirit have been stirred up in us, may not be turned aside by any temptation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

69.

FOR CHARITY.

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; send thy Holy Ghost and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee; grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

70.

FOR HUMILITY.

O GOD, who resistest the proud, and givest grace to the humble: grant unto us true humility, after the likeness in which thine only Son hath revealed it in himself, that we may be never lifted up and provoke thy wrath, but in all lowliness be made partakers of the gifts of thy grace; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

71.

FOR PATIENCE.

O GOD, who by the meek endurance of thine only-begotten Son didst beat down the pride

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of the old enemy: help us, we beseech thee, rightly to treasure in our hearts what our Lord hath of his goodness borne for our sakes, that after his example we may bear with patience whatsoever things are adverse to us; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

72.

FOR A HAPPY DEATH.

CONFIRM, we beseech thee, almighty God, thine unworthy servants in thy grace; that in the hour of our death the adversary may not prevail against us, but that we may be found worthy of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

73.

FOR THE BLESSEDNESS OF HEAVEN.

ALMIGHTY, everlasting God, who didst give thine only Son to be a High Priest of good things to come: hereafter grant unto us, thine unworthy servants, to have our share in the company of the blessed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

74.

FOR PEACE.

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; de-

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fend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

75.

FOR AN ANSWER TO PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy name, thou wilt grant their requests: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

76.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking: we beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

77.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's

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name: we beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

78.

A PRAYER FOR MISSIONS.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, who hast given thy only Son to be the propitiation for the sins of the whole world, help thy Church to fulfil the command to preach the gospel to every creature. Send forth more laborers into the harvest. Direct and defend all missionaries in their work, and grant them abundant success. Open the hearts of the heathen, that they may receive thy word and believe on him whom thou hast sent. Let the nations speedily be given to thy Son for his inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession. Cause thy people to consecrate to this service more of the possessions which thou dost give them, that the triumphs of thy kingdom may be hastened and the earth be filled with thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

General Prayers.

I.

The Litany.

The Litany may be used at Evening Service on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, on Days of Humiliation and Prayer, and at Morning Service on Sundays when there is no Communion. The responses in italics should be sung or said by the congregation. The responses may be repeated after each phrase, or only at the end of each group, as here followeth:

LORD, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

O God, the Father in heaven;

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O God, the Holy Ghost;

Have mercy upon us.

Be gracious unto us.

Spare us, good Lord.

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Be gracious unto us.

Help us, good Lord.

From all sin; from all error; from all evil:

Good Lord, deliver us.

From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death; from pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and rebellion; from lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy incarnation; by thy holy nativity; by thy baptism, fasting, and temptation; by thine agony and bloody sweat; by thy cross and passion; by thy precious death and burial; by thy glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter:

Help us, good Lord.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

Help us, good Lord.

We poor sinners do beseech thee:

To hear us, O Lord God.

And to rule and govern thy holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of thy Church in the true knowledge and under-

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standing of thy word, and in holiness of life; to put an end to all schisms and causes of offence; to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived; to beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into thy harvest; to accompany thy word with thy Spirit and grace; to raise up them that fall, and to strengthen such as do stand; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted and the distressed:

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

To give to all nations peace and concord; to preserve our country from discord and contention; to give to our nation perpetual victory over all thine enemies; to direct and defend our President, and all in authority; and to bless and keep our magistrates, and all our people:

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

To behold and succor all who are in danger, necessity and tribulation; to protect all who travel by land or water; to preserve all women in the perils of childbirth; to strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to set free all who are innocently imprisoned; to defend and provide for all fatherless children and widows; and to have mercy upon all men:

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

To forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve

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to our use the fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God;

We beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;

Grant us thy peace.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Then shall the minister, and the congregation with him, say the Lord's Prayer, after which may be said one or more of the Litany Collects here following:

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our

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daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

I.

Litany Collects.

1.

O Lord, deal not with us after our sins.

Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his evil way and live: we beseech thee graciously to turn from us those punishments which we by our sins have deserved, and to grant us grace ever hereafter to serve thee in holiness and pureness of living; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

2.

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name.

Deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who by thy Holy Spirit dost govern and sanctify the whole Christian Church: hear our prayers for all members of the same, and mercifully grant that

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by thy grace they may serve thee in true faith; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

3.

O Lord, deal not with us after our sins.

Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

O GOD, merciful Father, who despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as are sorrowful: mercifully assist our prayers which we make before thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us, may, by thy good providence, be brought to nought; that we thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

4.

O Lord, enter not into judgment with thy servant.

For in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

ALMIGHTY God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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5.

Call upon me in the day of trouble.

I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

SPARE us, O Lord, and mercifully forgive us our sins, and though by our continual transgressions we have merited thy punishments, be gracious unto us, and grant that all those evils which we have deserved, may be turned from us, and overruled to our everlasting good; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

6.

FOR PEACE.

The Lord will give strength unto his people.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give unto thy servants that peace, which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

II.

The Suffrages.

The Suffrages may be used at Matins or at Vespers in the same manner as the Litany.

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Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

I said; O Lord, be merciful unto me:

Heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.

Return, O Lord, how long?

And let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us;

According as we hope in thee.

Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness;

And let thy saints shout for joy.

O Lord, save our rulers;

Let the king hear us when we call.

Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance;

Feed them also, and lift them up forever.

Remember thy congregation;

Which thou hast purchased of old.

Peace be within thy walls;

And prosperity within thy palaces.

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Let us pray for our absent brethren;

O thou, our God, save thy servants that trust in thee.

Let us pray for the broken-hearted and the captives;

Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

Send them help from the sanctuary;

And strengthen them out of Zion.

Hear my prayer, O Lord;

And let my cry come unto thee.

Then may be said responsively, by the minister and congregation, the Psalm De profundis at Matins, and at Vespers the Psalm Miserere mei.

Ps. cxxx. *De profundis.*

Out of the depths have I cried:

Unto thee, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice:

Let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities:

O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with thee:

That thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait:

And in his word do I hope.

My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning:

I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

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Let Israel hope in the Lord:

*For with the Lord there is mercy, and with him
is plenteous redemption.*

And he shall redeem Israel:

From all his iniquities.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Ghost:

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall
be, world without end. Amen.*

At Vespers.

Ps. li. *Miserere mei.*

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy
loving-kindness:

*According unto the multitude of thy tender
mercies, blot out my transgressions.*

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity:

And cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions:

And my sin is ever before me.

Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and
done this evil in thy sight:

*That thou mightest be justified when thou speak-
est, and be clear when thou judgest.*

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity:

And in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward
parts:

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*And in the hidden part shalt thou make me to
know wisdom.*

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:

Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me to hear joy and gladness:

That the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Hide thy face from my sins:

And blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God:

And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence:

And take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation:

And uphold me with thy free Spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors thy ways:

And sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou
God of my salvation:

And my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

O Lord, open thou my lips:

And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

For thou desirest not sacrifice, else would I give
it:

Thou delightest not in burnt offering.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:

*A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt
not despise.*

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Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion:

Build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering:

Then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then shall be said:

Turn us again, O God of hosts:

Cause thy face to shine and we shall be saved.

Arise, O Christ, for our help:

And redeem us for thy mercy's sake.

Hear my prayer, O Lord:

And let my cry come unto thee.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Then may the Minister say a Collect for the Season and any other suitable Collect, and after that he may say this Collect for peace.

Give peace in our days, O Lord:

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, except thou, our God.

O Lord, let there be peace in thy strength:

And abundance in thy towers.

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O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

III.

The Morning Suffrages.

To be used at Matins, or at the Morning Prayer of the Household.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then shall all say the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles' Creed:

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Unto thee have I cried, O Lord:

And in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee.

Let my mouth be filled with thy praise:

And with thine honor all the day.

O Lord, hide thy face from my sins:

And blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me, O God, a clean heart:

And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence:

And take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation:

And uphold me with thy free Spirit.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day:

To keep us without sin.

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Have mercy upon us, O Lord:

Have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us:

As our trust is in thee.

Hear my prayer, O Lord:

And let my cry come unto thee.

The Lord be with you:

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Then shall be said the Prayer here following, or No. 46 or No. 60 of the Collects and Prayers, or any other suitable prayer.

WE give thanks unto thee, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ thy dear Son, that thou hast protected us through the night from all danger and harm; and we beseech thee to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil; that in all our thoughts, words and deeds, we may serve and please thee. Into thy hands we commend our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let thy holy angels have charge concerning us, that the wicked one have no power over us. *Amen.*

IV.

The Evening Suffrages.

To be used at Vespers, or at the Evening Prayer of the Household.

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Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then shall all say:

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian

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Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers:

And greatly to be praised and glorified forever.

Bless we the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost:

We praise and magnify him forever.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven:

And greatly to be praised, and glorified, and highly exalted forever.

The almighty and merciful Lord bless and preserve us.

Amen.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, this night:

To keep us without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us:

Have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us:

As our trust is in thee.

Hear my prayer, O Lord:

And let my cry come unto thee.

The Lord be with you:

And with thy spirit. |

Let us pray.

Then shall be said the Prayer here following, or No. 47 of the Collects and Prayers, or any other suitable prayer.

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WE give thanks unto thee, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, thy dear Son, that thou hast this day so graciously protected us, and we beseech thee to forgive us all our sins, and the wrong which we have done, and by thy great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into thy hands we commend our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let thy holy angels have charge concerning us, that the wicked one have no power over us. *Amen.*

V.

The Bidding Prayer.

BRETHREN, let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would vouchsafe to defend it against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary, and to keep it perpetually upon the true foundation, Jesus Christ.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast revealed thy glory to all nations, in Jesus Christ and the word of his truth: keep, we beseech thee, in safety the works of thy mercy, that so thy Church, spread throughout all nations, may serve thee in true faith, and persevere in the confession of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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Let us pray for the ministers of the word, for all estates of men in the Church, and for all the people of God.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of his mercy, that having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their baptismal covenant, and evermore be found in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost always multiply thy Church, and with thy light and grace dost strengthen the hearts of those whom thou hast regenerated, confirming unto them thy covenant and faithfulness; grant unto our catechumens increase both of faith and knowledge, that they may rejoice in their baptism and really and heartily renew their covenant with thee. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all in authority, and especially for the government of the United States, that we

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may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

O merciful Father in heaven, who holdest in thy hands all the might of man, and who hast ordained the powers that be for the punishment of evil-doers, and for the praise of them that do well, and of whom is all rule and authority in the kingdoms of the world: we humbly beseech thee, graciously regard thy servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this Commonwealth, our judges and magistrates, and all the rulers of the earth; that all who receive the sword as thy ministers may bear it according to thy commandments; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that he would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, open the prisons, set free those in bondage, grant a safe return to the wayfarers, health to the sick, and to our mariners a harbor of security.

Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful, and the strength of the weak; may the prayers of them that in any tribulation or distress cry unto thee graciously come before thee, so that in all their necessities they may mark and receive thy manifold help and comfort; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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Here may prayers be offered for Schismatics, Jews, and Heathen.
See Collects and Prayers 19-24.

Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy word, and walk before him as becometh Christians.

Almighty and everlasting God, King of glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, who art the God of peace, and the author of all concord; grant us, we beseech thee, thy heavenly peace and concord, that we may serve thee in true fear, to the praise and glory of thy name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy, and graciously vouchsafe unto them such things as are both needful for them and profitable unto their salvation.

O almighty, everlasting God, who, through thine only Son, our blessed Lord, hast commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to them that hate us, and to pray for them that persecute us: we earnestly beseech thee, that by thy gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance, and may have the same love, and be of one accord and of one mind and heart, with us and with thy whole Christian Church; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down his blessing upon them, and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them in submission to his holy will.

O Lord, Father Almighty, who by thy word hast created and dost bless and uphold all things; we pray thee so to reveal unto us thy Word our Lord Jesus Christ, that he dwelling in our hearts, we may by thy grace be made meet to receive thy blessing on all the fruits of the earth, and whatsoever pertains to our bodily needs; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

OUR Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

VI.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art worthy to be had in reverence by all the children of men, we give thee most humble and

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heartly thanks for the innumerable blessings, both temporal and spiritual, which, without any merit or worthiness on our part, thou hast bestowed upon us.

We praise thee, especially, that thou hast preserved unto us, in their purity, thy saving word, and the sacred ordinances of thy house. And we beseech thee, O Lord, to grant and preserve unto thy holy Church, throughout the world, purity of doctrine, and faithful pastors who shall preach thy word with power; and help all who hear, rightly to understand, and truly to believe the same. Be thou the Protector and Defender of thy people in all time of tribulation and danger; and may we, in communion with thy Church, and in brotherly unity with all our fellow-Christians, fight the good fight of faith, and in the end receive the salvation of our souls.

Bestow thy grace upon all the nations of the earth. Especially do we entreat thee to bless our land, and all its inhabitants, and all who are in authority. Cause thy glory to dwell among us, and let mercy and truth, righteousness and peace, everywhere prevail. To this end, we commend to thy care all our schools, and pray thee to make them nurseries of useful knowledge and of Christian virtues, that they may bring forth the wholesome fruits of life.

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Graciously defend us from all calamities by fire and water, from war and pestilence, from scarcity and famine. Protect and prosper every one in his appropriate calling, and cause all useful arts to flourish among us. Be thou the God and Father of the widow and the fatherless children, the Helper of the sick and needy, and the Comforter of the forsaken and distressed.

Here special Supplications, Intercessions and Prayers may be made.

And as we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us by true faith and a godly life to prepare for the world to come; doing the work which thou hast given us to do while it is day; before the night cometh when no man can work. And when our last hour shall come, support us by thy power, and receive us into thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

VII.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine

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inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; that walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, we may enjoy the testimony of a good conscience and the hope of thy favor, be sustained and comforted under the troubles of this life, and finally be received into thine everlasting kingdom, through thine infinite mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We offer unto thee our common supplications for the good estate of thy Church throughout the world; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Send down upon all ministers of the gospel, and upon all congregations committed to their charge, the healthful spirit of thy grace, and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing.

Most heartily we beseech thee, with thy favor to behold the President [and Congress] of the

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United States, and all others in authority; and so replenish them with thy grace, that they may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Prosper all good counsels, and all just works, that peace and happiness, truth and righteousness, religion and piety, may be established among us throughout all generations.

We humbly entreat thee also for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations.

May it please thee to preserve all who travel by land or water; to succor all who are in peril or need; and to satisfy the wants of all thy creatures.

We also commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed, in mind, body or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

Here special Supplications, Intercessions and Prayers may be made.

Hear us, most merciful God, in these our humble requests, which we offer up unto thee in the name of Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

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PSALM 1.

Beatus vir.

BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly: nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD: and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water: that bringeth forth his fruit in his season.

His leaf also shall not wither: and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment: nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

PSALM 2.

Quare fremuerunt gentes.

WHY do the heathen rage: and the people imagine a vain thing?

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together: against the LORD, and against his Anointed, saying,

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Let us break their bands asunder: and cast away their cords from us.

He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the LORD shall have them in derision.

Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath: and vex them in his sore displeasure.

Yet have I set my king: upon my holy hill of Zion.

I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance: and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron: thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear: and rejoice with trembling.

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little: blessed are they that put their trust in him.

PSALM 6.

Domine ne in furore.

O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

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Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am weak:
O LORD, heal me; for my bones are vexed.

My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O LORD,
how long?

Return, O LORD, deliver my soul: oh save me
for thy mercies' sake.

For in death there is no remembrance of thee:
in the grave who shall give thee thanks?

I am weary with my groaning; all the night
make I my bed to swim: I water my couch with
my tears.

Mine eye is consumed because of grief: it wax-
eth old because of all mine enemies.

Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity: for
the LORD hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The LORD hath heard my supplication: the
LORD will receive my prayer.

Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore
vexed: let them return and be ashamed suddenly.

PSALM 8.

Domine, Dominus noster.

O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is thy name
in all the earth: who hast set thy glory above
the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast
thou ordained strength because of thine enemies:
that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

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When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers: the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

What is man, that thou art mindful of him: and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels: and hast crowned him with glory and honor.

Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands: thou hast put all things under his feet;

All sheep and oxen: yea, and the beasts of the field;

The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea: and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

O LORD, our Lord: how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

PSALM 16.

Conserva me, Domine.

PRESERVE me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.

O my soul, thou hast said unto the LORD, thou art my Lord: my goodness extendeth not to thee;

But to the saints that are in the earth: and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.

Their sorrows shall be multiplied: that hasten after another God;

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Their drink offerings of blood will I not offer:
nor take up their names into my lips.

The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance
and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places:
yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel:
my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.

I have set the LORD always before me: because
he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth:
my flesh also shall rest in hope.

For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell: neither
wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence
is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures
for evermore.

PSALM 18.

Diligam te, Domine.

I WILL love thee: O LORD, my strength.

The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and
my deliverer: my God, my strength, in whom I
will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation,
and my high tower.

I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be
praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

The sorrows of death compassed me: and the
floods of ungodly men made me afraid.

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The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.

In my distress I called upon the LORD: and cried unto my God.

He heard my voice out of his temple: and my cry came before him, even into his ears.

Then the earth shook and trembled: the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth.

There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness was under his feet.

And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.

He made darkness his secret place: his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.

At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed: hailstones and coals of fire.

The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice: hailstones and coals of fire.

Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them: and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.

Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered: at thy

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rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.

He sent from above, he took me: he drew me out of many waters.

He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.

They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the Lord was my stay.

He brought me forth also into a large place: he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness: according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

For I have kept the ways of the LORD: and have not wickedly departed from my God.

For all his judgments were before me: and I did not put away his statutes from me.

I was also upright before him: and I kept myself from mine iniquity.

Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness: according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.

With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful: with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright.

With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure: and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward.

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For thou wilt save the afflicted people: but wilt bring down high looks.

For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

For by thee I have run through a troop: and by my God have I leaped over a wall.

As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried; he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

For who is God save the LORD: or who is a rock save our God?

It is God that girdeth me with strength: and maketh my way perfect.

He maketh my feet like hind's feet: and setteth me upon my high places.

He teacheth my hands to war: so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.

Thou hast enlarged my steps under me: that my feet did not slip.

I have pursued mine enemies and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed.

I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet.

For thou hast girded me with strength unto the

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battle: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.

Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies: that I might destroy them that hate me.

They cried, but there was none to save them: even unto the LORD, but he answered them not.

Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind: I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets.

Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people: and thou hast made me the head of the heathen.

A people whom I have not known: shall serve me.

As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves unto me.

The strangers shall fade away: and be afraid out of their close places.

The LORD liveth; and blessed be my Rock: and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

It is God that avengeth me: and subdueth the people under me.

He delivereth me from mine enemies; yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen: and sing praises unto thy name.

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Great deliverance giveth he to his king: and sheweth mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed for evermore.

PSALM 19.

Coeli enarrant.

THE heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament showeth his handywork.

Day unto day uttereth speech: and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language: where their voice is not heard.

Their line is gone out through all the earth: and their words to the end of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun: which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

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More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can understand his errors: cleanse thou me from secret faults.

Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight: O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

PSALM 21.

Domine, in virtute tua.

THE king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD: and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

Thou hast given him his heart's desire: and hast not withholden the request of his lips.

For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness: thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.

He asked life of thee, and thou gavest it him: even length of days for ever and ever.

His glory is great in thy salvation: honor and majesty hast thou laid upon him.

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For thou hast made him most blessed for ever:
thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy
countenance.

For the king trusteth in the LORD: and through
the mercy of the Most High he shall not be moved.

Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy
right hand shall find out those that hate thee.

Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the
time of thine anger: the LORD shall swallow them
up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them.

Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth:
and their seed from among the children of men.

For they intended evil against thee: they imag-
ined a mischievous device, which they are not
able to perform.

Therefore shalt thou make them turn their
back: when thou shalt make ready thine arrows
upon thy strings against the face of them.

Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength:
so will we sing and praise thy power.

PSALM 22.

Deus, Deus meus.

MY God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me:
why art thou so far from helping me, and
from the words of my roaring?

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hear-
est not: and in the night season, and am not silent.

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But thou art holy: O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.

But I am a worm, and no man: a reproach of men, and despised of the people.

All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,

He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.

But thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts.

I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou art my God from my mother's belly.

Be not far from me: for trouble is near; for there is none to help.

Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.

They gaped upon me with their mouths: as a ravening and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my

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tongue cleaveth to my jaws: and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.

For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me; they pierced my hands and my feet.

I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me.

They part my garments among them: and cast lots upon my vesture.

But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me.

Deliver my soul from the sword: my darling from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.

I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

Ye that fear the LORD, praise him: all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.

For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted: neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.

My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.

The meek shall eat and be satisfied; they shall

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praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.

All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

For the kingdom is the LORD's: and he is the governor among the nations.

All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him, and none can keep alive his own soul.

A seed shall serve him: it shall be accounted to the LORD for a generation.

They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born: that he hath done this.

PSALM 23.

Dominus regit me.

THE LORD is my shepherd: I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the pres-

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ence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

PSALM 24.

Domini est terra.

THE earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof: the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas: and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD: or who shall stand in his holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart: who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessings from the LORD: and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him: that seek thy face, O Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory: the LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them

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up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory: the LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

PSALM 25.

Ad te, Domine, levavi.

UNTO thee, O LORD: do I lift up my soul.

O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.

Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

Shew me thy ways, O LORD: teach me thy paths.

Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindnesses: for they have been ever of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.

Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth: unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Psalms.

For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity: for it is great.

What man is he that feareth the LORD: him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

His soul shall dwell at ease: and his seed shall inherit the earth.

The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him: and he will shew them his covenant.

Mine eyes are ever toward the LORD: for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me: for I am desolate and afflicted.

The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses.

Look upon mine affliction and my pain: and forgive all my sins.

Consider mine enemies, for they are many: and they hate me with cruel hatred.

O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me: for I wait on thee.

Redeem Israel, O God: out of all his troubles.

PSALM 27.

Dominus illuminatio.

THE LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear: the LORD is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalms.

When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh: they stumbled and fell.

Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

And now shall mine head be lifted up: above mine enemies round about me.

Therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy: I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

When thou saidst, Seek ye my face: my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

Hide not thy face far from me: put not thy servant away in anger.

Thou hast been my help: leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

When my father and my mother forsake me: then the LORD will take me up.

Psalms.

Teach me thy way, O LORD: and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

I had fainted: unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait on the LORD, be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

PSALM 28.

Ad te, Domine.

UNTO thee will I cry, O LORD my rock: be not silent to me; lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee: when I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle.

Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity: which speak peace to their neighbors, but mischief is in their hearts.

Give them according to their deeds: and according to the wickedness of their endeavors.

Give them after the work of their hands: render to them their desert.

Because they regard not the works of the LORD, nor the operation of his hands: he shall destroy them, and not build them up.

Psalms.

Blessed be the LORD: because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

The LORD is their strength: and he is the saving strength of his anointed.

Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up forever.

PSALM 30.

Exaltabo te, Domine.

I WILL extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up: and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

O LORD my God, I cried unto thee: and thou hast healed me.

O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his: and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favor is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

And in my prosperity I said: I shall never be moved.

Psalms.

LORD, by thy favor thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled.

I cried to thee, O LORD: and unto the LORD I made supplication.

What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit: Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?

Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me: LORD, be thou my helper.

Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sack-cloth and girded me with gladness;

To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent: O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

PSALM 32.

Beati quorum.

BLESSED is he whose transgression is forgiven: whose sin is covered;

Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity: and in whose spirit there is no guile.

When I kept silence: my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer.

Psalms.

I acknowledge my sin unto thee: and mine iniquity have I not hid.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD: and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble: thou shalt compass me about with the songs of deliverance.

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.

Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

PSALM 33.

Exultate justi.

REJOICE in the LORD, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

Psalms.

Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings.

Sing unto him a new song: play skillfully with a loud noise.

For the word of the LORD is right: and all his works are done in truth.

He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made: and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together as a heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

For he spake, and it was done: he commanded, and it stood fast.

The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

The counsel of the LORD standeth forever: the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD: and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

The LORD looketh from heaven: he beholdeth all the sons of men.

From the place of his habitation he looketh: upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

Psalms.

He fashioneth their hearts alike: he considereth all their works.

There is no king saved by the multitude of a host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

A horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.

Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him: upon them that hope in his mercy.

To deliver their soul from death: and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is our help and our shield.

For our heart shall rejoice in him: because we have trusted in his holy name.

Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us: according as we hope in thee.

PSALM 34.

Benedicam Dominum.

I WILL bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O magnify the LORD with me: and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the LORD, and he heard me: and delivered me from all my fears.

Psalms.

They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him: and saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him: and delivereth them.

O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.

Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

What man is he that desireth life: and loveth many days, that he may see good?

Keep thy tongue from evil: and thy lips from speaking guile.

Depart from evil, and do good: seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous: and his ears are open to their cry.

The face of the LORD is against them that do evil: to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth: and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

Psalms.

The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart: and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.

Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

PSALM 36.

Dixit injustus.

THE transgression of the wicked saith within my heart: that there is no fear of God before his eyes.

For he flattereth himself in his own eyes: until his iniquity be found to be hateful.

The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, and to do good.

He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way that is not good: he abhorreth not evil.

Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens: and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep: O LORD, thou preservest man and beast.

Psalms.

How excellent is thy loving kindness, O God: therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house: and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

O continue thy loving kindness unto them that know thee: and thy righteousness to the upright in heart

Let not the foot of pride come against me: and let not the hand of the wicked remove me.

There are the workers of iniquity fallen: they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise.

PSALM 40.

Expectans expectavi.

I WAITED patiently for the LORD: and he inclined unto me and heard my voice.

He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay: and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

Blessed is the man that maketh the LORD his trust: and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

Psalms.

Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee.

If I would declare and speak of them: they are more than can be numbered.

Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.

Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me.

I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest.

I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart: I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation.

I have not concealed thy loving kindness and thy truth: from the great congregation.

Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: let thy loving kindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

For innumerable evils have compassed me about; mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up: they are more than the hairs of mine head; therefore my heart faileth me.

Psalms.

Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me: O LORD, make haste to help me.

Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it: let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil.

Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, Aha, aha: let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee.

Let such as love thy salvation say continually: The LORD be magnified.

But I am poor and needy: yet the LORD thinketh upon me.

Thou art my help and my deliverer: make no tarrying, O my God.

PSALM 43.

Judica me, Deus.

JUDGE me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

For thou art the God of my strength, why dost thou cast me off: why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

O send out thy light and thy truth, let them lead me: let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God

Psalms.

my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

PSALM 45.

Eructavit cor meum.

MY heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king; my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips; therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most Mighty: with thy glory and thy majesty.

And in thy majesty ride prosperously, because of truth and meekness and righteousness: and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies: whereby the people fall under thee.

Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Psalms.

All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia: out of the ivory palaces whereby they have made thee glad.

Kings' daughters were among thy honorable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.

Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear: forget also thine own people, and thy father's house.

So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he is thy Lord, and worship thou him.

And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift: even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favor.

The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.

She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.

With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace.

Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children: whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.

I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

Psalms.

PSALM 46.

Deus noster refugium.

GOD is our refuge and strength: a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed: and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled: though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God: the holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

The LORD of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the LORD: what desolations he hath made in the earth.

He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth: he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

Psalms.

The LORD of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

PSALM 47.

Omnes gentes plaudite.

O CLAP your hands, all ye people: shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

For the LORD most high is terrible: he is a great King over all the earth.

He shall subdue the people under us: and the nations under our feet.

He shall choose our inheritance for us: the excellency of Jacob whom he loved.

God is gone up with a shout: the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all earth: sing ye praises with understanding.

God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

The princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the earth belong unto God; he is greatly exalted.

PSALM 48.

Magnus Dominus.

GREAT is the LORD, and greatly to be praised: in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

Psalms.

Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion: on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

God is known in her palaces: for a refuge.

For lo, the kings were assembled: they passed by together.

They saw it, and so they marvelled: they were troubled, and hasted away.

Fear took hold upon them there, and pain: as of a woman in travail.

Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish: with an east wind.

As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it forever.

We have thought of thy loving kindness, O God: in the midst of thy temple.

According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad: because of thy judgments.

Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.

Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces: that ye may tell it to the generation following.

For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.

Psalms.

PSALM 56.

Miserere mei, Deus.

BE merciful unto me, O God; for man would swallow me up: he fighting daily oppresseth me.

Mine enemies would daily swallow me up: for they be many that fight against me, O thou Most High.

What time I am afraid: I will trust in thee.

In God I will praise his word: in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil.

They gather themselves together, they hide themselves: they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul.

Shall they escape by iniquity? : in thine anger cast down the people, O God.

Thou tellest my wanderings; put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?

When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me.

In God will I praise his word: in the LORD will I praise his word.

In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

Psalms.

Thy vows are upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee.

For thou hast delivered my soul from death, wilt thou not deliver my feet from falling: that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

PSALM 65.

Te decet hymnus.

PRAISE waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

O thou that hearest prayer: unto thee shall all flesh come.

Iniquities prevail against me: as for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation: who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea.

Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains: being girded with power.

Which stilleth the noise of the seas: the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: thou makest the out-goings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

Psalms.

Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water.

Thou preparest them corn: when thou hast so provided for it.

Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly; thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers; thou blessest the springing thereof.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness: and thy paths drop fatness.

They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side.

The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn: they shout for joy, they also sing.

PSALM 66.

Jubilate Deo.

MAKE a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: sing forth the honor of his name; make his praise glorious.

Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works: through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.

All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee: they shall sing to thy name.

Come and see the works of God: he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men.

Psalms.

He turned the sea into dry land: they went through the flood on foot; there did we rejoice in him.

He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

O bless our God, ye people: and make the voice of his praise to be heard.

Which holdeth our soul in life: and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

Thou broughtest us into the net: thou laidst affliction upon our loins.

Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads: we went through fire and through water; but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay thee my vows, which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble.

I will offer unto thee burnt sacrifices of fatlings, with the incense of rams: I will offer bullocks with goats.

Come and hear, all ye that fear God: and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

I cried unto him with my mouth: and he was extolled with my tongue.

If I regard iniquity in my heart: the LORD will not hear me.

Psalms.

But verily God hath heard me: he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer: nor his mercy from me.

PSALM 67.

Deus misereatur.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us: and cause his face to shine upon us.

That thy way may be known upon earth: thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God: let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God: let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase: and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us: and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

PSALM 68.

Exurgat Deus.

LET God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.

As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

Psalms.

But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.

Sing unto God, sing praises unto his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.

A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows: is God in his holy habitation.

God setteth the solitary in families; he bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people: when thou didst march through the wilderness;

The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain: whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.

Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor.

The LORD gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.

Kings of armies did flee apace: and she that tarried at home divided the spoil.

Though ye have lain among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove: covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.

Psalms.

When the Almighty scattered kings in it: it was white as snow in Salmon.

The hill of God is as the hill of Bashan: an high hill as the hill of Bashan.

Why leap ye, ye high hills? this is the hill which God desireth to dwell in: yea, the LORD will dwell in it forever.

The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the LORD is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.

Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive, thou hast received gifts for men: yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits: even the God of our salvation.

He that is our God is the God of salvation: and unto God the Lord belong the issues from death.

But God shall wound the head of his enemies: and the hairy scalp of such a one as goeth on still in his trespasses.

The LORD said, I will bring again from Bashan: I will bring my people again from the depths of the sea.

That thy foot may be dipped in the blood of thine enemies: and the tongue of thy dogs in the same.

They have seen thy goings, O God: even the goings of my God, my King, in the sanctuary.

Psalms.

The singers went before, the players on instruments followed after: among them were the damsels playing with timbrels.

Bless ye God in the congregations: even the LORD, from the fountain of Israel.

There is little Benjamin with their ruler, the princes of Judah and their council: the princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali.

Thy God hath commanded thy strength: strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us.

Because of thy temple at Jerusalem: shall kings bring presents unto thee.

Rebuke the company of spearmen, the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the people, till every one submit himself with pieces of silver: scatter thou the people that delight in war.

Princes shall come out of Egypt: Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth: O sing praises unto the Lord;

To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, which were of old: lo, he doth send out his voice, and that a mighty voice.

Ascribe ye strength unto God, his excellency is over Israel: and his strength is in the clouds.

O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God.

Psalms

PSALM 72.

Deus judicium.

GIVE the kingdom thy judgments, O God: and thy righteousness unto the king's son.

He shall judge thy people with righteousness: and thy poor with judgment.

The mountains shall bring peace to the people: and the little hills, by righteousness.

He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy: and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure: throughout all generations.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth.

In his days shall the righteous flourish: and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.

He shall have dominion also from sea to sea: and from the rivers unto the ends of the earth.

They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him: and his enemies shall lick the dust.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.

For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth: the poor also, and him that hath no helper.

Psalms.

He shall spare the poor and needy: and shall save the souls of the needy.

He shall redeem their souls from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight.

And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually, and daily shall he be praised.

There shall be a handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains: the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon; and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

His name shall endure forever; his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him; all nations shall call him blessed.

Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel: who only doeth wondrous things.

And blessed be his glorious name forever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen, and Amen.

PSALM 77.

Voca mea ad Dominum.

I CRIED unto God with my voice: even unto God with my voice, and he gave ear unto me.

In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not; my soul refused to be comforted.

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I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed.

Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

I have considered the days of old: the years of ancient times.

I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart, and my spirit made diligent search.

Will the LORD cast off forever?: and will he be favorable no more?

Is his mercy clean gone forever?: doth his promise fail forevermore?

Hath God forgotten to be gracious?: hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies?

And I said, This is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High.

I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

I will meditate also of all thy work: and talk of thy doings.

Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?

Thou art the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people.

Thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people: the sons of Jacob and Joseph.

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The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee; they were afraid: the depths also were troubled.

The clouds poured out water; the skies sent out a sound: thine arrows also went abroad.

The voice of thy thunder was in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world; the earth trembled and shook.

Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters: and thy footsteps are not known.

Thou leddest thy people like a flock: by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

PSALM 85.

Benedixisti, Domine.

LORD, thou hast been favorable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people: thou hast covered all their sin.

Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: thou hast turned thyself from the fierceness of thine anger.

Turn us, O God of our salvation: and cause thine anger toward us to cease.

Wilt thou be angry with us for ever: wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations?

Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?

Psalms.

Shew us thy mercy, O LORD: and grant us thy salvation.

I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints; but let them not turn again to folly.

Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him: that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together: righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring out of the earth: and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Yea, the LORD shall give that which is good: and our land shall yield her increase.

Righteousness shall go before him: and shall set us in the way of his steps.

PSALM 86.

Inclina, Domine.

BOW down thine ear, O LORD, hear me: for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my soul; for I am holy: O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.

Be merciful unto me, O LORD: for I cry unto thee daily.

Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive:

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and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer: and attend to the voice of my supplications.

In the day of my trouble will I call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.

Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord: neither are there any works like unto thy works.

All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O LORD: and shall glorify thy name.

For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.

Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

O God, the proud are risen against me: and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul and have not set thee before them.

But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious: long-suffering and plenteous in mercy and truth.

O turn unto me and have mercy upon me: give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thy handmaid.

Psalms.

Shew me a token for good; that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because thou, LORD, hast holden me, and comforted me.

PSALM 87.

Fundamenta ejus.

HIS foundation is in the holy mountains: the LORD loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Glorious things are spoken of thee: O city of God.

I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this man was born there.

And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her.

The LORD shall count, when he writeth up the people: that this man was born there.

As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there: all my springs are in thee.

PSALM 89.

Misericordias Domini.

I WILL sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for

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ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.

I have made a covenant with my chosen: I have sworn unto David my servant.

Thy seed will I establish forever: and build up thy throne to all generations.

And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O LORD: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.

For who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD?: who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD?

God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints: and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.

O LORD God of hosts, who is a strong LORD like unto thee: or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain: thou hast scattered thine enemies with thy strong arm.

The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.

The north and the south, thou hast created them: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy name.

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Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.

Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance.

In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

For thou art the glory of their strength: and in thy favor our horn shall be exalted.

For the LORD is our defence: and the Holy One of Israel is our King.

Then thou spakest in vision to thy Holy One, and saidst: I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.

I have found David my servant: with my holy oil have I anointed him.

With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him.

The enemy shall not exact upon him: nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

And I will beat down his foes before his face: and plague them that hate him.

But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

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I will set his hand also in the sea: and his right hand in the rivers.

He shall cry unto me, Thou art my Father: my God, and the Rock of my salvation.

Also I will make him my firstborn: higher than the kings of the earth.

My mercy will I keep for him for evermore: and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

His seed also will I make to endure for ever: and his throne as the days of heaven.

If his children forsake my law: and walk not in my judgments.

If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments: then will I visit their transgression with the rod; and their iniquity with stripes.

Nevertheless my loving kindness will I not utterly take from him: nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.

My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips: once have I sworn by my holiness, that I will not lie unto David.

His seed shall endure for ever: and his throne as the sun before me.

It shall be established for ever as the moon: and as a faithful witness in heaven.

But thou hast cast off and abhorred: thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.

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Thou hast made void the covenant of thy servant: thou hast profaned his crown by casting it to the ground.

Thou hast broken down all his hedges: thou hast brought his strongholds to ruin.

All that pass by the way spoil him: he is a reproach to his neighbors.

Thou hast set up the right hand of his adversaries: thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.

Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword: and hast not made him to stand in the battle.

Thou hast made his glory to cease: and cast his throne down to the ground.

The days of his youth hast thou shortened: thou hast covered him with shame.

How long, LORD? wilt thou hide thyself for ever?: shall thy wrath burn like fire?

Remember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain?

What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death?: shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?

Lord, where are thy former loving kindnesses: which thou swarest unto David in thy truth?

Remember, Lord, the reproach of thy servants: how I do bear in my bosom the reproach of all the mighty people;

Wherewith thine enemies have reproached, O

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LORD; wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of thine anointed: blessed be the LORD for evermore. Amen, and Amen.

PSALM 90.

Domine, refugium.

LORD, thou hast been our dwelling-place: in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world: even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction: and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past: and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up: in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

For we are consumed by thine anger: and by thy wrath are we troubled.

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee: our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.

The days of our years are threescore years and

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ten: and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Who knoweth the power of thine anger: even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.

So teach us to number our days: that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Return, O LORD, how long: and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

O satisfy us early with thy mercy: that we may rejoice and be glad in our days.

Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us: and the years wherein we have seen evil.

Let thy work appear unto thy servants: and thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

PSALM 91.

Qui habitat.

HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD, he is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler: and from the noisome pestilence.

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He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night: nor for the arrow that flieth by day.

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness: nor for the destruction that wasteth at noon-day.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee.

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold: and see the reward of the wicked.

Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge: even the Most High, thy habitation;

There shall no evil befall thee: neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee up in their hands: lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

Because he has set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him:

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I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him.

With long life will I satisfy him: and show him my salvation.

PSALM 92.

Bonum est confiteri.

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD:
and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High;

To show forth thy loving kindness in the morning: and thy faithfulness every night,

Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery: upon the harp with a solemn sound.

For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

O LORD, how great are thy works: and thy thoughts are very deep.

A brutish man knoweth not: neither doth a fool understand this.

When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish: it is that they shall be destroyed for ever; but thou, LORD, art most high for evermore.

For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish: all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

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But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of a unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

Mine eyes also shall see my desire on mine enemies: and mine ears shall hear my desire of the wicked that rise up against me.

The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Those that be planted in the house of the LORD: shall flourish in the courts of our God.

They shall still bring forth fruit in old age: they shall be fat and flourishing.

To shew that the LORD is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

PSALM 93.

Dominus regnavit.

THE LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty: the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself.

The world also is established: that it cannot be moved.

Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice: the floods lifted up their waves.

The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of

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many waters: yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, forever.

PSALM 95.

Venite, exultemus.

O COME, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise unto the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving: and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God: and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

For he is our God: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your heart, as in the provocation: and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;

When your fathers tempted me: proved me, and saw my work.

Psalms.

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart: and they have not known my ways.

Unto whom I sware in my wrath: that they should not enter into my rest.

PSALM 97.

Dominus regnavit.

THE LORD reigneth, let the earth rejoice: let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

Clouds and darkness are around about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne.

A fire goeth before him: and burneth up his enemies round about.

His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled.

The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD: at the presence of the LORD of the whole earth.

The heavens declare his righteousness: and all the people see his glory.

Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all ye gods.

Zion heard, and was glad: and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O LORD.

Psalms.

For thou, LORD, art high above all the earth:
thou art exalted far above all gods.

Ye that love the LORD hate evil: he preserveth
the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of
the hand of the wicked.

Light is sown for the righteous: and gladness
for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous: and give
thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

PSALM 98.

Cantate Domino.

O SING unto the LORD a new song; for he hath
done marvellous things: his right hand, and
his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

The LORD hath made known his salvation: his
righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight
of the heathen.

He hath remembered his mercy and his truth
toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the
earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the
earth: make a loud noise and rejoice, and sing
praise.

Sing unto the LORD with the harp: with the
harp, and the voice of a psalm.

With trumpets and sound of cornet: make a
joyful noise before the LORD, the King.

Psalms.

Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof: the world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands, let the hills be joyful together before the LORD: for he cometh to judge the earth.

With righteousness shall he judge the world: and the people with equity.

PSALM 100.

Jubilate Deo.

MAKE a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands: serve the LORD with gladness, come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth to all generations.

PSALM 103.

Benedic, anima mea.

BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul: and forget not all his benefits;

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Who forgiveth all thine iniquities: who healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction: who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things: so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment: for all that are oppressed.

He made known his ways unto Moses: his acts unto the children of Israel.

The LORD is merciful and gracious: slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger forever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins: nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth: so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

As far as the east is from the west: so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Like as a father pitieth his children: so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame: he remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

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For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone:
and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting
to everlasting upon them that fear him: and his
righteousness unto children's children;

To such as keep his covenant: and to those that
remember his commandments to do them.

The LORD hath prepared his throne in the
heavens: and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in
strength, that do his commandments: hearkening
unto the voice of his word.

Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts: ye ministers
of his, that do his pleasure.

Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of
his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.

PSALM 104.

Benedic, anima mea.

BLESS the LORD, O my soul: O LORD my God,
thou art very great; thou art clothed with
honor and majesty;

Who coverest thyself with light as with a gar-
ment: who stretchest out the heavens like a cur-
tain;

Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the
waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot; who
walketh upon the wings of the wind;

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Who maketh his angels spirits: his ministers a flaming fire;

Who laid the foundation of the earth: that it should not be removed for ever.

Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

At thy rebuke they fled: at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.

They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys: unto the place which thou hast founded for them.

Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over: that they turn not again to cover the earth.

He sendeth the springs into the valleys: which run among the hills.

They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst.

By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation: which sing among the branches.

He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.

He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle: and herb for the service of man;

That he may bring forth food out of the earth, and wine that maketh glad the heart of man: and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart.

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The trees of the LORD are full of sap: the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted;

Where the birds make their nests: as for the stork, the fir trees are her house.

The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats: and the rocks for the conies.

He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down.

Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.

The young lions roar after their prey: and seek their meat from God.

The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together: and lay them down in their dens.

Man goeth forth unto his work: and to his labor until the evening.

O LORD, how manifold are thy works: in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches.

So is this great and wide sea: wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

There go the ships; there is that leviathan: whom thou hast made to play therein.

These wait all upon thee: that thou mayest give them their meat in due season.

That thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou

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takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works.

He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.

I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.

Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more: Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 110.

Dixit Dominus.

THE LORD said unto my Lord: Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent: Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

Psalms.

The LORD at thy right hand: shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.

He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies: he shall wound the heads over many countries.

He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

PSALM 111.

Confitebor tibi.

PRAISE ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart: in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

The works of the LORD are great: sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is honorable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

He hath shewed his people the power of his works: that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

The works of his hands are verity and judgment: all his commandments are sure.

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They stand fast for ever and ever: and are done in truth and uprightness.

He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever; holy and reverend is his name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments; his praise endureth for ever.

PSALM 113.

Laudate, pueri.

PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise, O ye servants of the LORD: praise the name of the LORD.

Blessed be the name of the LORD: from this time forth and for evermore.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same: the LORD's name is to be praised.

The LORD is high above all nations: and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like unto the LORD our God: who dwelleth on high.

Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven: and in the earth!

He raiseth up the poor out of the dust: and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill;

That he may set him with princes: even with the princes of his people.

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He maketh the barren woman to keep house,
and to be a joyful mother of children: praise ye
the LORD.

PSALM 115.

Non nobis, Domine.

NOT unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto
thy name give glory: for thy mercy, and for
thy truth's sake.

Wherefore should the heathen say: Where is
now their God?

But our God is in the heavens: he hath done
whatsoever he hath pleased.

Their idols are silver and gold: the work of
men's hands.

They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes
have they, but they see not;

They have ears, but they hear not: noses have
they, but they smell not;

They have hands, but they handle not: feet
have they, but they walk not; neither speak they
through their throat.

They that make them are like unto them: so is
every one that trusteth in them.

O Israel, trust thou in the LORD: he is their
help and their shield.

O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD: he is their
help and their shield.

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Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.

The LORD hath been mindful of us; he will bless us: he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron.

He will bless them that fear the LORD: both small and great.

The LORD shall increase you more and more: you and your children.

Ye are blessed of the LORD: which made heaven and earth.

The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

The dead praise not the LORD: neither any that go down into silence.

But we will bless the LORD: from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the LORD.

PSALM 116.

Dilexi, quantam.

I LOVE the LORD: because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he hath inclined his ear unto me: therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.

Psalms.

Then called I upon the name of the LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous: yea, our God is merciful.

The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.

Return unto thy rest, O my soul: for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.

For thou hast delivered my soul from death: mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the LORD: in the land of the living.

I believed, therefore have I spoken; I was greatly afflicted: I said in my haste, All men are liars.

What shall I render unto the LORD: for all his benefits toward me?

I will take the cup of salvation: and call upon the name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows unto the LORD: now in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD: is the death of his saints.

O LORD, truly I am thy servant: I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid; thou hast loosed my bonds.

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving: and will call upon the name of the LORD.

Psalms.

I will pay my vows unto the LORD: now in the presence of all his people.

In the courts of the LORD's house: in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 117.

Laudate Dominum.

O PRAISE the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.

For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 118.

Confitemini Domino.

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever.

Let Israel now say: that his mercy endureth for ever.

Let the house of Aaron now say: that his mercy endureth for ever.

Let them now that fear the LORD say: that his mercy endureth for ever.

I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, and set me in a large place.

The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

The LORD taketh my part with them that help

Psalms.

me: therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me.

It is better to trust in the LORD: than to put confidence in man.

It is better to trust in the LORD: than to put confidence in princes.

All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD will I destroy them.

They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

Thou hast thrust sore at me, that I might fall: but the LORD helped me.

The LORD is my strength and song: and is become my salvation.

The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacle of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

The right hand of the LORD is exalted: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

I shall not die, but live: and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go unto them, and I will praise the LORD.

Psalms.

This gate of the LORD: into which the righteous shall enter.

I will praise thee, for thou hast heard me: and art become my salvation.

The stone which the builders refused: is become the head stone of the corner.

This is the LORD's doing: it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the LORD hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.

God is the LORD which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.

Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will exalt thee.

O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

PSALM 119.

Beati immaculati.

BLESSED are the undefiled in the way: who walk in the law of the LORD.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies: and that seek him with the whole heart.

Psalms.

They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.

Thou hast commanded us: to keep thy precepts diligently.

O that my ways were directed: to keep thy statutes!

Then shall I not be ashamed: when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

I will praise thee with uprightness of heart: when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

II.

In quo corrigit.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?: by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

Thy word have I hid in mine heart: that I might not sin against thee.

Blessed art thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes.

With my lips have I declared: all the judgments of thy mouth.

I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies: as much as in all riches.

I will meditate in thy precepts: and have respect unto thy ways.

Psalms.

I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

III.

Retribue servo tuo.

Deal bountifully with thy servant: that I may live, and keep thy word.

Open thou mine eyes: that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

I am a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.

My soul breaketh for the longing: that it hath unto thy judgments at all times.

Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed: which do err from thy commandments.

Remove from me reproach and contempt: for I have kept thy testimonies.

Princes also did sit and speak against me: but thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.

Thy testimonies also are my delight: and my counsellors.

IV.

Adhæsit pavimento.

My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.

I have declared my ways, and thou heardest me: teach me thy statutes.

Psalms.

Make me to understand the way of thy precepts:
so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou
me according unto thy word.

Remove from me the way of lying: and grant
me thy law graciously.

I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments
have I laid before me.

I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O LORD, put
me not to shame.

I will run the way of thy commandments: when
thou shalt enlarge my heart.

V.

Legem pone.

Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes: and
I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy
law: yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of thy command-
ments: for therein do I delight.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies: and not
to covetousness.

Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity:
and quicken thou me in thy way.

Stablish thy word unto thy servant: who is
devoted to thy fear.

Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy
judgments are good.

Psalms.

Behold, I have longed after thy precepts:
quicken me in thy righteousness.

VI.

Et veniat super me.

Let thy mercies come also unto me, O LORD:
even thy salvation, according to thy word.

So shall I have wherewith to answer him that
reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word.

And take not the word of truth utterly out of
my mouth: for I have hoped in thy judgments.

So shall I keep thy law continually: for ever
and ever.

And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy
precepts.

I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings:
and will not be ashamed.

And I will delight myself in thy command-
ments: which I have loved.

My hands also will I lift up unto thy command-
ments, which I have loved: and I will meditate in
thy statutes.

VII.

Memor esto verbi tui.

Remember the word unto thy servants: upon
which thou hast caused me to hope.

This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy
word hath quickened me.

Psalms.

The proud have had me greatly in derision: yet have I not declined from thy law.

I remember thy judgments of old, O LORD: and have comforted myself.

Horror hath taken hold upon me; because of the wicked that forsake thy law.

Thy statutes have been my songs: in the house of my pilgrimage.

I have remembered thy name, O LORD, in the night: and have kept thy law.

This I had: because I kept thy precepts.

VIII.

Portio mea, Domine.

Thou art my portion, O LORD: I have said that I would keep thy words.

I entreat thy favor with my whole heart: be merciful unto me according to thy word.

I thought on my ways: and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

I made haste and delayed not: to keep thy commandments.

The bands of the wicked have robbed me: but I have not forgotten thy law.

At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee: because of thy righteous judgments.

I am a companion of all them that fear thee: and of them that keep thy precepts.

Psalms.

The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes.

IX.

Bonitatem fecisti.

Thou hast dealt well with thy servant: O LORD, according unto thy word.

Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments.

Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

Thou art good, and doest good: teach me thy statutes.

The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart.

Their heart is as fat as grease: but I delight in thy law.

It is good for me that I have been afflicted: that I might learn thy statutes.

The law of thy mouth is better unto me: than thousands of gold and silver.

X.

Manus tuæ fecerunt me.

Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

They that fear thee will be glad when they see me: because I have hoped in thy word.

Psalms.

I know, O LORD, that thy judgments are right: and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort: according to thy word unto thy servant.

Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight.

Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: but I will meditate in thy precepts.

Let those that fear thee turn unto me: and those that have known thy testimonies.

Let my heart be sound in thy statutes: that I be not ashamed.

XI.

Defecit anima mea.

My soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I hope in thy word.

Mine eyes fail for thy word: saying, When wilt thou comfort me?

For I am become like a bottle in the smoke: yet do I not forget thy statutes.

How many are the days of thy servant: when wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?

The proud have digged pits for me: which are not after thy law.

Psalms.

All thy commandments are faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.

They had almost consumed me upon earth: but I forsook not thy precepts.

Quicken me after thy loving kindness: so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.

XII.

In æternum, Domine.

Forever, O LORD: thy word is settled in heaven.

Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.

They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants.

Unless thy law had been my delight: I should then have perished in mine affliction.

I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me.

I am thine, save me: for I have sought thy precepts.

The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: but I will consider thy testimonies.

I have seen an end of all perfection: but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

XIII.

Quomodo dilexi.

O how love I thy law: it is my meditation all the day.

Psalms.

Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.

I undersand more than the ancients: because I keep thy precepts.

I have refrained my feet from every evil way: that I might keep thy word.

I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.

How sweet are thy words unto my taste: yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

XIV.

Lucerna pedibus meis.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet: and a light unto my path.

I have sworn, and I will perform it: that I will keep thy righteous judgments.

I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word.

Accept, I beseech thee, the free will offerings of my mouth, O LORD: and teach me thy judgments.

My soul is continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law.

Psalms.

The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts.

Thy testimonies have I taken as a heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

I have inclined my heart to perform thy statutes always: even unto the end.

XV.

Iniquos odio habui.

I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love.

Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.

Depart from me, ye evil doers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.

Uphold me according unto thy word; that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.

Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.

Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit is falsehood.

Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross: therefore I love thy testimonies.

My flesh trembleth for fear of thee: and I am afraid of thy judgments.

XVI.

Feci iudicium.

I have done judgment and justice: leave me not to mine oppressors.

Psalms.

Be surety for thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me.

Mine eyes fail for thy salvation: and for the word of thy righteousness.

Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy: and teach me thy statutes.

I am thy servant; give me understanding: that I may know thy testimonies.

It is time for thee, LORD, to work: for they have made void thy law.

Therefore I love thy commandments above gold: yea, above fine gold.

Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right: and I hate every false way.

XVII.

Mirabilia.

Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

The entrance of thy words giveth light: it giveth understanding unto the simple.

I opened my mouth and panted: for I longed for my commandments.

Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me: as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.

Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts.

Psalms.

Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: and teach me thy statutes.

Rivers of waters run down mine eyes: because they keep not thy law.

XVIII.

Justus es, Domine.

Righteous art thou, O LORD: and upright are thy judgments.

Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded: are righteous and very faithful.

My zeal hath consumed me: because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

I am small and despised: yet do I not forget thy precepts.

Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness: and thy law is the truth.

Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet thy commandments are my delights.

The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

XIX.

Clamavi in toto corde meo.

I cried with my whole heart: hear me, O LORD; I will keep thy statutes.

Psalms.

I cried unto thee: save me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.

I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in thy word.

Mine eyes prevent the night watches: that I might meditate in thy word.

Hear my voice according unto thy loving kindness: O LORD, quicken me according to thy judgment.

They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from thy law.

Thou art near, O LORD: and all thy commandments are truth.

Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old: that thou hast founded them for ever.

XX.

Vide humilitatem.

Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.

Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word.

Salvation is far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes.

Great are thy tender mercies, O LORD: quicken me according to thy judgments.

Many are my persecutors and mine enemies: yet do I not decline from thy testimonies.

Psalms.

I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved: because they kept not thy word.

Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O LORD, according to thy loving kindness.

Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

XXI.

Principes persecuti sunt.

Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

I rejoice at thy word: as one that findeth great spoil.

I hate and abhor lying: but thy law do I love.

Seven times a day do I praise thee: because of thy righteous judgments.

Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

LORD, I have hoped for thy salvation: and done thy commandments.

My soul hath kept thy testimonies: and I love them exceedingly.

I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies: for all my ways are before thee.

XXII.

Appropinquet deprecautio.

Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD: give me understanding according to thy word.

Psalms.

Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.

My lips shall utter praise: when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness.

Let thine hand help me: for I have chosen thy precepts.

I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD: and thy law is my delight.

Let my soul live and it shall praise thee: and let thy judgments help me.

I have gone astray like a lost sheep: seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

PSALM 121.

Levavi oculos.

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the LORD: which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day: nor the moon by night.

Psalms.

The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in: from this time forth, and even for evermore.

PSALM 122.

Lætatus sum.

I WAS glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the LORD.

Our feet shall stand within thy gates: O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is builded: as a city that is compact together.

Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD: unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD.

For there are set thrones of judgment: the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls: and prosperity within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes: I will now say, Peace be within thee.

Because of the house of the LORD our God: I will seek thy good.

Psalms.

PSALM 124.

Nisi quia Dominus.

IF it had not been the LORD who was on our side: now may Israel say;

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side: when men rose up against us;

Then they had swallowed us up quick: when their wrath was kindled against us.

Then the waters had overwhelmed us: the stream had gone over our soul.

Then the proud waters: had gone over our soul.

Blessed be the LORD: who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.

Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

Our help is in the name of the LORD: who made heaven and earth.

PSALM 125.

Qui confidunt.

THEY that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion: which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem: so the LORD is round about his people from henceforth even for ever.

For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon

Psalms.

the lot of the righteous: lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

Do good, O LORD, unto those that be good: and to them that are upright in their hearts.

As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways: the LORD shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity; but peace shall be upon Israel.

PSALM 126.

In convertendo.

WHEN the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion: we were like them that dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter: and our tongue with singing.

Then said they among the heathen: The LORD hath done great things for them.

The LORD hath done great things for us: whereof we are glad.

Turn again our captivity, O LORD: as the streams in the south.

They that sow in tears: shall reap in joy.

He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed: shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

PSALM 130.

De profundis.

OUT of the depths: have I cried unto thee, O LORD.

Psalms.

Lord, hear my voice: let thine eyes be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities: O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with thee: that thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait: and in his word do I hope.

My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

Let Israel hope in the LORD, for with the LORD there is mercy: and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel: from all his iniquities.

PSALM 132.

Memento, Domine.

LORD, remember David: and all his afflictions;

How he swore unto the LORD: and vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob;

Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house: nor go up into bed;

I will not give sleep to mine eyes: or slumber to mine eyelids,

Until I find out a place for the LORD: a habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.

Psalms.

Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields of the wood.

We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool.

Arise, O LORD, into thy rest: thou, and the ark of thy strength.

Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness: and let thy saints shout for joy.

For thy servant David's sake: turn not away the face of thine anointed.

The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David: he will not turn from it;

Of the fruit of thy body: will I set upon thy throne.

If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them: their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.

For the LORD hath chosen Zion: he hath desired it for his habitation.

This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.

I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.

I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.

Psalms.

His enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

PSALM 136.

Confitemini.

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD; for he is good:
for his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his
mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his
mercy endureth for ever.

To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his
mercy endureth for ever.

To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for
his mercy endureth for ever.

To him that stretched out the earth above the
waters: for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him that made great lights: for his mercy
endureth for ever;

The sun to rule by day: for his mercy endureth
for ever;

The moon and stars to rule by night: for his
mercy endureth for ever.

To him that smote Egypt in their first born: for
his mercy endureth forever;

And brought out Israel from among them: for
his mercy endureth for ever.

Psalms.

With a strong hand, and with a stretched-out arm: for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him which divided the Red sea into parts: for his mercy endureth for ever;

And made Israel to pass through the midst of it: for his mercy endureth forever;

But overthrew Pharoah and his hosts in the Red sea: for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him which led his people through the wilderness: for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him which smote great kings: for his mercy endureth for ever;

And slew famous kings: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Sihon king of the Amorites: for his mercy endureth for ever;

And Og the king of Bashan: for his mercy endureth for ever.

And gave their land for an heritage: for his mercy endureth for ever;

Even an heritage unto Israel his servant: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy endureth for ever.

And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Psalms.

O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy endureth for ever.

PSALM 138.

Confitebor tibi.

I WILL praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy loving kindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

In the day when I cried thou answeredst me: and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD: when they hear the words of thy mouth.

Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the LORD: for great is the glory of the LORD.

Though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever; forsake not the works of thine own hands.

Psalms.

PSALM 139.

Domine, probasti.

O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me: thou knowest my down-sitting and mine uprising; thou understandest my thoughts afar off.

Thou compassest my path and my lying down: and art acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word in my tongue: but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.

Thou hast beset me behind and before: and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me: it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go from thy Spirit: or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning: and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there shall thy hand lead me: and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me: even the night shall be light about me.

Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

Psalms.

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret: and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect: and in thy book all my members were written.

Which in continuance were fashioned: when as yet there was none of them.

How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God: how great is the sum of them!

If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men.

For they speak against thee wickedly: and thine enemies take thy name in vain.

Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee: and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?

I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts.

And see if there be any wicked way in me: and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalms.

PSALM 143.

Domine, exaudi.

HEAR my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness.

And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground: he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.

Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me: my heart within me is desolate.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works: I muse on the works of thy hands.

I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land.

Hear me speedily, O LORD; my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

Cause me to hear thy loving kindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me.

Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God:

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thy Spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies: and destroy all them that afflict my soul; for I am thy servant.

PSALM 145.

Exaltabo te, Deus.

I WILL extol thee, my God, O King: and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless thee: and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised: and his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall praise thy works to another: and shall declare thy mighty acts.

I will speak of the glorious honor of thy majesty: and of thy wondrous works.

And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness.

They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness: and shall sing of thy righteousness.

The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion: slow to anger, and of great mercy.

Psalms.

The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD: and thy saints shall bless thee.

They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom: and talk of thy power;

To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts: and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom: and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

The LORD upholdeth all that fall: and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon thee: and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest thine hand: and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

The LORD is righteous in all his ways: and holy in all his works.

The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him: to all that call upon him in truth.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he will also hear their cry, and will save them.

The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

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PSALM 146.

Lauda anima mea.

PRAISE ye the LORD: Praise the LORD, O my soul.

While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

Put not your trust in princes: nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth: in that very day his thoughts perish.

Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help: whose hope is in the LORD his God;

Which made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever.

Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry.

The LORD looseth the prisoners: the LORD openeth the eyes of the blind.

The LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous.

The LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

The LORD shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations: Praise ye the LORD.

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PSALM 147.

Laudate Dominum.

PRAISE ye the LORD, for it is good to sing praises unto our God: for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.

The LORD doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

He healeth the broken in heart: and bindeth up their wounds.

He telleth the number of the stars: he calleth them all by their names.

Great is our LORD, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

The LORD lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving: sing praise upon the harp unto our God;

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth: who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

He giveth to the beast his food: and to the young ravens which cry.

He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.

The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him: in those that hope in his mercy.

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem: praise thy God, O Zion.

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For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates:
he hath blessed thy children within thee.

He maketh peace in thy borders: and filleth
thee with the finest of the wheat.

He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth:
his word runneth very swiftly.

He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the
hoar frost like ashes.

He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can
stand before his cold?

He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he
causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.

He sheweth his word unto Jacob: his statutes
and his judgments unto Israel.

He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as
for his judgments, they have not known them.
Praise ye the LORD.

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Laudate Dominum.

PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from
the heavens: praise him in the heights.

Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all
his hosts.

Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all
ye stars of light.

Praise him, ye heavens of heavens: and ye
waters that be above the heavens.

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Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created.

He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

Praise the LORD from the earth: ye dragons, and all deeps;

Fire, and hail; snow, and vapor: stormy wind fulfilling his word;

Mountains, and all hills: fruitful trees, and all cedars;

Beasts, and all cattle: creeping things, and flying fowl;

Kings of the earth, and all people: princes; and all judges of the earth;

Both young men and maidens: old men and children;

Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints: even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 150.

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PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

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Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.

Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD: Praise ye the LORD.

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O GOD, our Father in heaven, we come before Thee in the name of Jesus, to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Thou art clothed with honor and majesty, and we approach Thee with reverence and holy fear; but Thou art also our Father in Christ Jesus, and we would come with filial confidence and love.

We thank Thee for the healthful repose of the night, and for the light of this day of the Son of Man. This is the day which Thou hast made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. We thank Thee for this day, so rich with the memories of Thy love, so joyful with the light and hopes of the resurrection and of the life immortal. Oh, may Thy love beam upon us with the freshness and inspiration of the morning light! Grant us grace, to consecrate this day to Thy special service and glory, and to our personal sanctification. May we be freed from all the cares and anxieties of the

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world. May our aspirations be heavenward, and our hearts be opened to all the sacred suggestions and influences of this day. May they be sweetly drawn by Thy Spirit into heavenly communion, and rise to meet thy fatherly benediction.

O Lord, grant us grace to unite with the great congregation in acceptable worship, so that we may see Thy glory in the sanctuary this day. May Thy ministers be clothed with salvation, and the people shout for joy. May the word be preached in the demonstration of the Spirit and with power. May the gospel be so preached, in simplicity, and affectionate earnestness, that Jesus may draw all hearts to Himself; that, as of old, the blind, and lame, and halt may come to Jesus in the temple, and be healed: that the ignorant may be enlightened, the wandering reclaimed, the weak established, the mourner comforted, and the weary and heavy-laden may find rest in Jesus.

Father of mercies, remember in compassion those who are this day kept in homes of sickness and sorrow. May private affliction subserve the designs of public instructions, and Thine own presence and spirit make the chamber of sickness, and the home of sorrow, the house of God, and the gate of heaven.

Have mercy, O Lord, upon a world that lieth in wickedness. Send out Thy light and truth,

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that all nations, whom Thou hast made, may come and worship before Thee, and glorify Thy name. We thank Thee for all the agencies and instrumentalities at work for the salvation of this lost world. We bless Thee for the ministers, who are preaching the gospel at home and abroad. May their number be increased a thousand-fold.

May the pious young men of our land be moved by Thy Spirit, and the love of Jesus, to consecrate themselves to the Christ-like work of preaching the gospel. Oh, grant this prayer, and multiply the heralds of the cross, and extend the boundaries of Christendom, until the light of this holy day shall fall on every nation, and the name of Jesus shall be heard to earth's remotest bound.

And now, O Lord, what wait we for but Thy blessing? God be merciful unto us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us, that parents and children, and all the members of this household, may be united in love, and dwell together in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace. May we all this day receive a Father's blessing, and enjoy such a sweet sense of Thy forgiving love, such a conscious peace, such joyous hopes through Jesus Christ, as shall give us a foretaste and an earnest of heaven, and enable us to rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Hear us, O Thou eternal Son, to whom, with Thee the Father, and

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the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

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WE adore Thee, O Lord, as the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God. We bless Thee, as the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to Thine abundant mercy hast begotten us again unto a lively hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for us.

We thank Thee, that the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places, and that we have a goodly heritage; that we have enjoyed this day the blessings of our risen Lord, and that our hearts have been lifted in holy aspiration for our heavenly home. We bless Thee for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We bless Thee for the opportunities we have enjoyed this day of waiting upon Thee in the public worship of the sanctuary, and in private meditation and prayer, and for every good impression made upon our minds by the ordinances of Thine appointment. Oh, may the lessons of Thy word guide and mould our life, and its hopes animate us in every work of faith and labor of love. May the word of Christ dwell in

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us richly in all wisdom, that we may teach and admonish one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in our hearts, to the Lord. Whatsoever we do, may it be done in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father by Him.

May the divine impulses and aspirations of this day influence us during the week, so that in our daily business, in the social circle and in our home-life, we may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour. May the name and love of Jesus abide with us as a constant inspiration and power in all the ways of our life, until the veil is lifted and we behold his face in glory.

O most gracious Father, forgive the sins of this day, the sins of our holiest services, for the sake of Jesus our Advocate and Redeemer. Help us to forget the past, and press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Oh, grant that through the ordinances of Thy house, the sanctified trials and afflictions of life, and the Holy Spirit, we may reach the blessed experience of the apostle, and with him exclaim, "Yea, doubtless, and we count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord . . . that we may win Christ and be found in Him, not having our own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the

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faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith."

Look in compassion upon Thy servants who have been deprived of the privileges of the sanctuary, this day by sickness or infirmity. Give them such tokens of thy presence and blessings in their homes as shall cause them to know that Thou art not confined to temples made with hands. Have mercy upon all who willfully absent themselves from public worship and profane Thy Sabbaths, and turn their feet to Thy sanctuary. Be gracious to all that mourn in Zion. Give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

May the word preached be blessed to the conversion of sinners, and the upbuilding of Thy people in their most holy faith. Remember those who have gone forth to preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and bless their labors for the salvation of souls; and be Thou a sanctuary to them among the heathen. Hasten, O Lord, that promised day when the heathen shall be given to Christ for His inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession.

And now we commit ourselves to Thy fatherly care and protection for the night. Grant that when we lie down to the last sleep of earth, it may be in Jesus, and that the hymns of praise in these

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temples made with hands may be prolonged in the holier worship of heaven, where with all the redeemed we shall unite in ascriptions of honor and glory to Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever. Amen.

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O God, Thy mercies are new every morning, and Thy faithfulness every night. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge, of Thy goodness and patience and power. We bless Thee for the care and protection of the night. We gather about our family altar, as parents and children; and unite in this grateful offering of praise to the Father of all our mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord.

But Thou hast magnified Thy word above all Thy name; and we can never be sufficiently thankful for the revelation of Thy will in the Bible. We thank Thee for the gift of Thy Son our Saviour, through whom we have redemption in His blood, even the forgiveness of sin. We thank Thee for the Holy Spirit, to enlighten, comfort, and sanctify us through the truth as it is in Jesus. Oh, may we bear with us, into the cares and business of the week, the savor of Thy grace, and the holy influences and incentives of the Sabbath and the sanctuary. Let those whom

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we meet in the market-places, in the shop, in the store, in the social circle, in the yet nearer circle of home, take knowledge of us that we have been with Jesus; and may our profiting appear unto all men. May we put on, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering, forbearing one another, and forgiving one another. May we be followers of God, as dear children.

Be with us this day; guide us by Thy Spirit, so that in all the cares and perplexities of life, and in all its trials and sorrows, we may look to Jesus, lest we should become weary and faint in our minds. May we have grace to take up our cross daily and follow Jesus, and like Him to bear that cross, despising the shame, for the joy that is set before us. Oh, grant that we may live every day as pilgrims on their way to glory. May we rejoice as though we rejoiced not, and weep as though we wept not, and buy as though we possessed not, and so use this world as not abusing it; for the fashion of it passeth away.

O Lord, look upon all the children of men with a Father's compassion. May the dead hear the voice of the Son of God, and live. May those who ask the way to Zion find the way to the cross and to Jesus, and to the new Jerusalem. Let the careless sinner be startled from his fatal slumbers,

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and flee from the wrath to come. Let the rich be poor in spirit, and the poor be made rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which Thou hast promised to them that love Thee.

Bless our country, O Thou Ruler of nations. May all in authority fear God and work righteousness. May we, as citizens and Christians, seek to elevate those alone to high stations in the Government who reverence Thee and keep Thy commandments. May we become more and more, both in name and in reality, a Christian people. May all the vast resources of this great country be given to Christ and His kingdom.

And now unto Him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

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O Lord God of Hosts, hear our prayer! Give ear, O God of Jacob! Behold, O God, our Shield, and look upon the face of Thine Anointed. We come in His all-prevailing name. We have nothing of our own to plead—no works, no worthiness, no promises. We would make mention of the righteousness of Jesus, and of His alone.

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As we bow before Thee in our evening worship, we are conscious of manifold sins and shortcomings. We have contracted defilement in the business and cares and pleasures of the day that is gone. We have, in the temper of our minds, in the affections of our hearts, in the aim and tenor of our life, come short of Thy glory. We have been ungrateful to Thee, and uncharitable to man. We have sinned in thought, word and deed. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, according to thy loving-kindness; according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and may the blood of Jesus Christ cleanse us from all sin. Create in us clean hearts, and renew right spirits within us. May we be Thy workmanship, created in Christ Jesus, and prepared unto every good work.

O our Heavenly Father, grant us grace to bring every thought and feeling and purpose of our life into complete harmony with Thy holy will in Christ Jesus. Withdraw not Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us. Whether we are called to do Thy will, or to bear it, may we feel that our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. In view of our spiritual enemies, clothe us with the whole armor of God; teach our hands to war and our fingers to fight;

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and in the conflicts of life assure our hearts that we shall be more than conquerors through Him that loved us.

O Thou who art God over all, blessed forevermore, remember with us all for whom Thou hast taught us to pray. Hear the sighing of the needy; cause the widow's heart to sing for joy; and in Thee may the fatherless find mercy. Give all needed patience and comfort to the sick and afflicted, and save the dying, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Bless us as a nation, in all the interests of our civil and religious institutions. Let glory dwell in our land, and upon all the glory be Thou a defence. Bless all societies and agencies employed for the coming of Thy kingdom. Call in the Jews with the fulness of the Gentiles. Say to the North, Give up, and to the South, Keep not back; and hasten the time when Christ shall take possession of the kingdoms under the whole heavens, and reign forever.

With thanksgiving for all the mercies of another day, and the forgiveness of all our sins through Jesus Christ, we will both lay ourselves down in peace and sleep; for Thou, Lord, only makest us dwell in safety; and all we ask is in the name of Jesus, to whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be endless praises. Amen.

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O Lord, Thou art good, and Thou doest good. Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice. Unite our hearts to fear Thy name, and grant that we may worship Thee in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. At the beginning of another day, we seek together as a family Thy blessing and grace.

We thank Thee for the mercies of another night, and for the light and goodness which encompass us this morning. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all our iniquities, who healeth all our diseases, who redeemeth our life from destruction, who crowneth us with loving-kindness and tender mercies. Truly, O Lord, Thou hast not left thyself without witness, in that Thou hast been doing us good, and giving us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

As we are about to enter upon the duties and conflicts of this new day, we look devoutly and trustingly to the hills from whence cometh our help. Our help cometh from the Lord who made heaven and earth. Let Thy grace be sufficient for the duties and events of this day. As husbands or wives, parents or children, sisters or brothers, may we so conduct ourselves in our several rela-

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tions and callings, that we may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from us, with all malice, and may we be kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven us. And oh, grant us grace to be followers of Him who was meek and lowly in heart, who pleased not Himself, who went about doing good, who said, My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work.

O Father, bless us as a family. May every one of our household be found in Christ, and members of the household of faith, and heirs of the heavenly kingdom. Oh, let none of those perish whom we love as our own souls. Keep them as the apple of Thine eye; hide them under the shadow of Thy wing.

Let grace and peace be multiplied to all who have obtained like precious faith with us; and if Thou art pleased to try that faith, may the trial be found unto praise, and glory, and honor, at the appearing of Jesus Christ. Remember in great mercy the poor and neglected, and those who cast off Thy fear, and live in sin, without Christ and without hope in the world. Oh, teach transgressors Thy ways, and let sinners be converted unto

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Thee. Destroy the works of the Devil. Let Thy kingdom come. May princes come out of Egypt. May Ethiopia stretch forth her hands unto God. And may all nations whom Thou hast made come and worship before Thee. For Thine, O God, is the power; and Thine shall be the glory, through our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

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O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth, who hast set Thy glory above the heavens. Our grateful hearts would surround Thy throne, to offer up our evening incense of praise and thanksgiving. We come with our children before Thee, our common Father, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift. We bless Thee for all Thy kindness and love to us this day: for our life and health, food and raiment, home and friends. We thank Thee for the sweet assurance that as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him. Above all other gifts do we praise Thee, that Thou hast called us to be Thy children in Christ Jesus. Oh, remember us with the favor Thou hast to Thy people. Let our Father's blessing come upon us this evening, upon parents and children, and upon all who dwell under this roof.

O Father, forgive us the sins of the past day—

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sins of temper, of worldliness, of unbelief in departing from the living God. Oh, hide Thy face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities, through Jesus Christ, whose blood cleanseth from all sin. Cast us not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us. Restore unto us the joys of Thy salvation, and uphold us with Thy free Spirit. Then will we teach transgressors Thy way, and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

O thou that dwellest in the heavens, look down upon us as a family, and give us at the close of the day a father's forgiveness, and a father's blessing. May the ties of blood and of mutual dependence, which unite us in our home, be sweetened and hallowed by the bonds of grace, that we may all be followers of Thee as dear children, and members of the household of faith, and may at length reach our Father's house in heaven.

Grant us grace, that as we have opportunity we may do good unto all men; and having tasted that the Lord is gracious, may we ever, by personal effort, as well as by a holy and joyous Christian life, be saying to those around us, Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that trusteth in Him. And let our endeavors be successful in winning souls to Christ that they may

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be saved from the second death. Especially, O Lord, do we pray for our friends, that they may all become the friends of Jesus, fellow-heirs with us of the grace of life, and fellow-laborers with us in the Lord's vineyard.

Let the rising generation be a seed to serve Thee. Excite them by the command, Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth; and encourage them by the promise, I love them that love me, and they that seek me early shall find me.

O Thou, Father of all mercies, and God of all comfort, have pity upon all men. Smile upon our country, and fill our churches with Thy glory.

Be a father to the fatherless; plead the cause of the widow; comfort and relieve the sick; be near the dying, and prepare them for the eternal future, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Jesus, Thou Son of God, and Saviour of the world, have mercy upon the millions who are yet sitting in darkness, and in the region and shadow of death; and to every section of our globe, say, through Thy preached gospel, and the descending Spirit, Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Raise up and send forth many more laborers; for the harvest truly is great. May all who profess Thy name pray, and give, and work for the coming of Thy kingdom. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

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who only doeth wondrous things! Blessed be His glorious name forever, and let the whole earth be filled with His glory!

And now, O Jesus, abide with us, for it is evening, and the day is far spent. May we sleep in peace, and wake in the morning to sing of Thy mercy. Be with us through all the changing scenes of life; and when heart and flesh fail, be Thou the strength of our hearts and our portion forever. And through eternal ages may it be our privilege to unite with those who are singing unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God, and to His Father—to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, through whose kindness we have been preserved from the perils of another night, vouchsafe unto us this day Thy blessing. Strengthen us for the performance of the duties now before us. And since Thou hast ordained labor to be the lot of man, and knowest the wants and necessities of all Thy creatures, bless, from time to time, our several endeavors and employments. Give us this day our daily bread. Feed us with food convenient for us. If

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it be Thy pleasure to cause us to abound in the good things of this life, give us a compassionate spirit, that we may be ready to relieve the wants of others; but let neither riches nor poverty estrange our hearts from Thee, nor cause us to become indifferent to those treasures in heaven, which can never be taken from us. And, into whatever circumstances of life we may be brought, teach us to be cheerful and content. In our affliction, let us remember how often we have been succored; and in our prosperity, may we acknowledge from whose hand our blessings are received.

And do Thou dispose us all, most merciful God, so to remember our sins that we may be brought to true repentance, and unfeigned sorrow, and contrition of soul. Strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ our Lord; and grant that through the gracious help of Thy Holy Spirit, we may obtain that peace which the world cannot give or take away: and may we be enabled to pass the residue of our lives in humble resignation and willing obedience. We acknowledge, O God, that every day is Thy gift, and ought to be used according to Thy command, O Thou, in whose hands are life and death, and by whose mercy we are spared, help us so to improve the time, that we may every day become more holy in Thy sight: and

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when it shall please Thee to call us from this mortal state, may we resign our souls into Thy hands with confidence and hope: and may we finally find mercy, and obtain a joyful resurrection to eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We commend to Thy fatherly goodness all our relatives and friends, especially those who are the most closely united to us. We beseech Thee to look mercifully upon them: and grant them whatever may most promote their present and eternal joy.

Bless the President of the United States, and all in authority over us. Extend Thy goodness to our whole land. Pity the sorrows, and relieve the necessities of all mankind. And let Thy kingdom come, and Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

O Lord, hear our prayers, for Jesus Christ's sake, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

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ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we would adore and praise Thee this night, as the God and Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: and we would draw near to Thee by faith, and hold communion with Thee, as our reconciled Father in Him. We have, indeed, offended Thee times and

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ways without number, and are by nature children of wrath, even as others; but behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. We give Thee, O God, all praise and glory for this assurance of Thy love: we bless Thee, that when we were without hope, and without help, Thine own Eternal and well-beloved Son gave Himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God our Father: and we rejoice to know that Thou hast raised Him from the dead, made Him head over all things to His Church, and exalted Him a Prince and Saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. May we, indeed, be children of God, by faith in Jesus Christ: may we be called by His grace, and separated by His Spirit for His service. May we know the truth as it is in Jesus, and may the truth make us free. May we enjoy the glorious liberty of the children of God. May we hold fast the form of sound words, which we have heard in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

Be pleased, O God, to reveal Thy Son in us, and give us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Jesus Christ: forbid that any of us should come short through unbelief. Lord, help our unbelief: increase our faith, and bring us

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more under its influence, that our lives may be spent to Thy glory, to the honor of our Christian profession, and to our own peace and comfort. Forbid, O Lord, that any of us should deceive ourselves by a form of godliness, without the power of it; but may we all, assisted by Thy grace, press forward to the blessed experience and full enjoyment of Thy service.

Be pleased, O God, to hear our prayers in behalf of the sick, the afflicted, and the dying: be a present help in every time of need. For our friends and brethren we would also put our supplications before Thee, O Father of mercies! May grace and peace from God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, be extended to all men. May all people be blessed in Jesus, and may all call Him blessed. With grateful hearts for all Thy goodness to us individually, and as a family, we would this evening commend ourselves to the protection of Him who neither slumbers nor sleeps. May we be raised up in the morning in health, and in soundness of mind, ready and willing to devote our lives anew to the service and glory of our God. Accept our humble worship, and forgive all our sins for Christ's sake—to whom, with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, be all glory forever and ever. Amen.

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OUR Father who art in heaven, we, Thine unworthy creatures, would bow before Thee, this morning, to thank and to bless Thy holy name, for all Thy goodness and mercy towards us. Thou art the Father of our spirits, the former of our bodies, and the giver of every good and perfect gift. Thou hast bestowed upon us many temporal and spiritual blessings. Thou hast liberally supplied our daily returning wants. Thou hast preserved us from danger. Thou hast delivered us out of temptation, and guided us in difficulty, and comforted us in sorrow. And when we look back on the way by which Thou hast led us, we may truly say that goodness and mercy have followed us all the days of our lives. But, O Lord, we must confess, with shame and sorrow, that though Thou hast nourished and brought us up as children, yet we have rebelled against Thee. We have sinned against heaven and in Thy sight, and are no more worthy to be called Thy children. Do Thou awaken us all to a just sense of our guilt. Give unto each of us that godly sorrow for sin which worketh repentance unto salvation, and lead us to that fountain which has been opened for sin and uncleanness, so that we may be washed, and sanctified, and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. O God,

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be merciful unto us, and bless us. Cause Thy face to shine upon us, and we shall be saved. May we be cleansed from all our sins in the atoning blood of Christ. May we be clothed with His perfect righteousness, so that we may be accepted in the Beloved, and may enjoy the peace of God which passeth understanding. Deliver us from a spirit of bondage, causing us again to fear, and grant us a spirit of adoption, whereby we shall cry Abba, Father. May the love of God be shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, and may our souls be filled with His saving grace and sanctifying influences, so that henceforth we may live as obedient children, and may walk steadfastly in the way that leadeth to everlasting life.

Enable us to deny all ungodliness and worldly lusts, to live as pilgrims and strangers upon the earth, and to prepare, by patient continuance in well-doing, for that better country which the Saviour is preparing for them that love Him. O Lord, let Thy kingdom come. Let Thy will be done by us, and by all our fellow-creatures throughout the earth, even as it is done in heaven. Build up the waste places in Zion. Increase the number of faithful ministers, and grant them an abundant supply of the spirit of wisdom and love. Hasten the time when the fulness of the Gentiles shall come in, and all Israel shall be saved. Re-

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gard the prayer of the destitute, and prepare of Thy goodness for the poor. Hear the cry of the distressed, and send help from above. May the dying die in the Lord, that death may be to them the entrance into everlasting life. Be very gracious, O Lord, to our friends and relatives. Our heart's desire and prayer for them is, that they may be saved. Dwell in this family. Be Thou the God of each member of it, and make us all Thy people. Accept our hearty thanks for the mercies of the past night. Take us into thy holy protection this day; and be with us, to bless us and to do us good, both now and forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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O LORD our God, to whom can we go but unto Thee? Thou hast the words of eternal life. Thou art the God of our salvation. Thou art good, and Thy tender mercies are over all Thy works: we are the living monuments of Thy sparing mercy; for iniquities, we confess, abound amongst us. Do Thou blot out all our transgressions. Hide Thy face from our sins, and teach us to know the blessedness of the man whom Thou choosest and causest to approach unto Thee. We bless Thee, that Thou hast no pleasure in the death of him

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that dieth, but rather that all should turn unto Thee and live. Turn us, O Lord, and we shall be turned; draw us, and we shall run after Thee; heal us, and we shall be healed; save Thou us, and we shall be saved. For the sake of Thy dear Son, who died for our sins, do Thou heal all our backslidings, receive us graciously, and love us freely. We rejoyce that He died, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us unto God. We bless Thee for the hopes and promises of the gospel. Oh, teach us, and enable us to improve diligently the means of grace, with which we are so highly favored, ever remembering that to whom much is given, of them much shall be required. May we walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called; may we adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things, and so conduct ourselves, at all times and in all circumstances, that we may not grieve Thy Holy Spirit.

Gracious God, our Heavenly Father, do Thou shed abroad Thy love in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, and inspire us with a hatred of everything that is displeasing to Thee. To this end, bless to us those religious services in which as a family we engage. May we wait upon Thee in them with prepared hearts, that we may be acceptable worshipers in Thy sight. Enable us to hear Thy word with due attention, open our minds to all

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its instructions, and bow our hearts to humble obedience. Help us by Thy grace, to show mercy and speak truth, to do righteousness and to follow peace. Fill us with kind and charitable dispositions towards each other, and let the peace of God rule in our hearts. May we ever keep our tongue from evil and our lips from speaking guile. And may the very God of peace himself sanctify us wholly; and we pray God that our whole spirit, and soul, and body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus.

Be pleased, O Lord, to clothe Thy priests with righteousness, and hasten the time when every knee shall bow to Jesus, and every tongue shall confess that He is Lord to the glory of God the Father. And, O God of love and mercy, do Thou spread among Christians of every profession, a spirit of forbearance, and candor, and love, that all may endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. Be favorable to our beloved land. Bless our friends, and give them an interest in the salvation of Christ. Look in mercy upon the sick, and sanctify their afflictions to them. Visit the dying with salvation, and teach us to remember the shortness of time and the never-ending importance of eternity. Bless the young with teachable minds and sanctified hearts, that they may remember Thee their Creator.

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Watch over us this night. May we lie down impressed with a sense of thy goodness; may we awake in Thy fear, enjoying thy favor, and rise with renewed strength to discharge the duties of life and run the way of Thy commandments. Hear our prayer, forgive our sins, sanctify our natures, and save our souls for Christ's sake, to Whom, with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, be all glory, forever and ever. *Amen.*

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GREAT God, to whom the darkness and the light are both alike, we draw nigh to Thee with confidence, in the name of Jesus Christ, our adorable Redeemer. We thank Thee that Thou hast not left us to the darkness of nature, but hast given us Thy holy Word as a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Help us, O Lord, ever to walk in Thy ways. We thank Thee for Thy care through the night, and for all the blessings with which Thou art crowning our lives on this day. We confess to Thee, the heart searching God, all our manifold sins. We mourn our unfaithfulness, and the evil of our hearts. Create within us clean hearts, O God, and renew within us right spirits.

Give us Thy promised Comforter, to enlighten, to guide, to restrain, to quicken, to comfort, and

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strengthen us this day, as Thou seest we need. Oh, make plain the path of duty for our feet, and uphold us that we fall not. So fill us with Thy good Spirit that we may be delivered from all pride and passion, from all envy and ill-will, from evil-thinking, and evil-speaking; and give us that fervent charity which covers a multitude of sins. Make our home happy, and our lives useful. We would not live unto ourselves, but unto Him who loved us, and gave Himself for us. Help us in all our domestic duties, that we may glorify Thee. Let our life and health be precious in Thy sight. Bless our beloved friends, wherever they are, with the rich blessings of Thy providence and grace. Remember the poor, the suffering, the distressed of every class, and be to them a very present help in trouble. Pour out Thy Spirit richly upon Thy Church. Bless all her agencies for good. Give Thy word success everywhere. Revive pure and undefiled religion. Increase the number of laborers in Thy vineyard, and fill us all more and more with the mind that was in Him, who went about doing good.

Cause our land to rejoice in the salvation of the gospel. Give wisdom and grace to our rulers, that they may rule in Thy fear; and incline all the people to walk in the paths of truth and uprightness, that this may be Immanuel's land.

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Extend the knowledge of Thy truth to the nations of the earth, and bless all the means employed to enlighten and evangelize the world; that our adorable Redeemer may soon be acknowledged everywhere as King of kings and Lord of lords. These mercies we ask for His name's sake. Amen.

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OUR Father in heaven, we reverently draw nigh to Thee at the close of another day, in the name of Jesus our adorable Redeemer. As the shades of evening gather around us, we gather at the mercy seat, and look up with confidence. Goodness and mercy have followed us all this day. Thou hast defended, and kept, and blest us. In Thee we live, and move, and have our being. Oh, help us to live to the honor and glory of Thy name; to show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but by living obediently, humbly, prayerfully before thee, filled with the same mind which was in our blessed Redeemer. We confess our sins. Thou, O Lord, knowest us altogether—our inner and our outer life; and we rejoice that Thou dost know us. Pardon and deliver us from all our sins. We trust the merit of Thy blood, blessed Saviour!

“Nothing in our hands we bring;
Simply to Thy cross we cling.”

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Bless the labor of the day, that through our feeble instrumentality the cause of truth and righteousness, the kingdom of our Redeemer may daily be promoted. Teach us so to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Take us into Thy holy keeping during the dark watches of the night. We will lay us down in peace and sleep, because Thou, Lord, makest us to dwell in safety. Bless our beloved friends. Make them all Thy friends. Prosper them, and grant them Thy peace. If any of them are out of Christ, work in them repentance, and lead them to the dear Saviour. Have mercy upon the homes that have no family altar, no God and Saviour, where parents and children walk together in the broad road that leads to death. Teach us to lead souls to the Fountain that cleanses from sin. Remember the poor and friendless, the sick and dying, the sorrowing and disconsolate. Give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

Bless the Church, with her ministry, and all her agencies for good. Revive pure and undefiled religion. Cause our whole land to rejoice in Thy salvation, and lead all nations to acknowledge that blessed Saviour whom we adore, and to Him, with the Father and the ever-blessed Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

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UNTO Thee lift we up our eyes, O Thou that dwellest in the heavens. Our voices shalt Thou hear in the morning; in the morning will we direct our prayer unto Thee, and will look up. We laid us down and slept, and we awoke, for Thou, Lord, didst sustain us. The pestilence, that walketh in the darkness, has not visited us. We gather with devout and thankful hearts around our domestic altar, and bring to Thee, our Heavenly Father, our morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Oh, grant us Thy Holy Spirit, that ours may be the sacrifice of a broken and contrite heart. We confess our sins, but Thou art the God of mercy, and, blessed be Thy holy name, the blood of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, cleanseth from all sin.

“To the dear fountain of Thy blood,
Incarnate God, we fly.”

Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us, and take away our sin. In our going out and coming in, in all our duties at home and abroad, may Thy fear this day be before our eyes, and Thy love be in our hearts, that our ways may please Thee. Prosper us in our lawful and laudable undertakings. Thy

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blessing maketh rich, and addeth no sorrow. Make us a blessing, our Father, to all with whom we associate this day. Bless our neighbors and friends, all connected with us by ties of blood and of love. Make our friends Thy friends, by giving them Thy Holy Spirit, and adopting them into Thy family. Remember the friendless and the oppressed, the poor and the needy, the destitute and the afflicted, the sick and the dying. Grant unto them all according to their needs, and give them to see that Thou dost make all things to work together for good to them that love Thee.

We pray that Thy Spirit may be poured upon our schools, and colleges, and seminaries of learning—upon those who teach, and upon all who are taught, that these may be fountains of blessings to the land and to the world. Bless our land with wise and righteous rulers, with just and salutary laws, with an obedient and God-fearing people. Cause us to be the light and the joy of the whole earth, that the nations may walk in our light, because Christ is our King. Revive pure religion in all Thy churches. Deliver Thy people from all unbelief and worldliness, from all untruth and uncharitableness. Bless all who labor to spread the gospel and lead sinners to the Saviour. Encourage them, and suffer not their faith to fail. Remember, especially, those who labor amid

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heathen darkness; and may Christ ever be the light and joy of their soul.

Grant us, O Lord, these mercies, with all else that Thou seest we need, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who hath taught us to pray, Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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By Thy mercy, O Lord, we are spared to the close of another day, and of another week. And, as our days on earth are rapidly passing away, we pray that we may be diligent in the work of life, doing well whatsoever we do, honoring God in our daily life, and furthering the interests of our blessed Redeemer's kingdom. Forgive, we humbly pray Thee, the sins of this day, and of this week. Deliver us from ingratitude, and from forgetfulness of our Heavenly Father, the Giver of every good gift. Thou art slow to anger, and of great mercy. Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy loving-kindness; and, according

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to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out all our transgressions. Give us more and more of Thy Holy Spirit, that amid the bounties of Thy providence, and the richer blessings of Thy grace, our hearts may ascend to Thee in gratitude, and our lives show forth Thy praise.

Dear Jesus, abide with us in our home, and may Thy love fill our hearts. In times of darkness be our Light. In our sorrow cheer us; when we are tempted, succor us. Be our Rock and Refuge, and may Thy peace ever keep our hearts and minds. Prepare us all, we pray Thee, and all Thy people, for the solemn responsibilities and blessed privileges of the coming Sabbath; that we may be in the Spirit on the Lord's day. Bless the instruction of the family, and of the Sabbath-school, and assist all who teach and preach in the name of Jesus, that they may do it in the demonstration of the Spirit, and with power. On all Thy flocks Thy Spirit pour. Deliver Thy people from ignorance and error and prejudice, and unbelief, and worldliness. Lead sinners to the Saviour. Have mercy upon all who have a name to live but are dead, and quicken them. Remember, in Thy tender mercy, the needy, the suffering, and the disconsolate. Make us like our Saviour in all the tenderness of His soul as we mingle with the sons and daughters of sorrow.

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Deliver our land from all the evils that threaten. Make our rulers to fear Thee, and cause the people to turn from their sins to the living God. We commend us into Thy holy keeping. Angel of the Covenant, watch over us. Refresh us, that we may, with thankful and joyous hearts, enter upon the service of God on the holy Sabbath, and be fitted for greater usefulness on earth, and for all the blessedness of the everlasting Sabbath. This we beg for Jesus' sake.

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

LUTHER'S SMALLER CATECHISM.

INTRODUCTION.

Q. 1. What is meant by a religion, in the general sense of the term?

A. A knowledge of God and particular manner of worshipping him.

2. How many principal religions are supposed to exist in the world?

Four; the Heathen, the Mohammedan, the Jewish, and the Christian, which is the true religion.

3. Whence do Christians derive their knowledge of religion?

From the whole word of God, but chiefly from the New Testament.

4. What does the word of God teach us?

What we are to believe, to experience, and to do, in order to live properly, and to die happy.

5. What is the Catechism?

It is a short summary of these Christian doctrines, duties, and experience, as taught in the word of God.

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PART I.—OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

(Exodus xx.; Deut. vi. 9, 20, 25.)

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT.

“I AM the Lord thy God. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.”* (2 Cor. vi. 16; 1 Cor. viii. 4-6; Matt. iv. 10; Rom. i. 22, 23; Ps. cxv. 3-8.)

*The Scriptures narrate the decalogue without divisions, and there existed a difference of opinion, even before the time of Christ, as to the manner in which these precepts ought to be divided. The division above given is that which has been received by the greater part of the Christian church since the apostolic age. Another division has been adopted by some churches, according to which the above first commandment is divided into two, and the ninth and tenth are united into one. It is a matter of trifling importance which is adopted, provided the whole decalogue be retained.

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What is intended by this Commandment?

That we should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT.

“Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.” (Ps. xlviii. 10; Matt. vii. 21; Lev. xxiv. 15, 16.)

What is required of us in this Commandment?

That we should so fear and love God, as not to curse, swear, conjure, lie, or deceive in his name; but call upon him in every time of need, and worship him with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT.

“Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates. For *in* six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath-day, and hallowed it.” (Ex. xxxi. 14, 17; Isa. lviii. 13; Ps. xxvi. 8; Luke vi. 9; Col. iii. 16.)

What is enjoined in this Commandment?

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That we should so fear and love God, as not to despise his word and day, and the preaching of his gospel; but deem it holy, and willingly hear, learn, and obey it.

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT.

“Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.” (Eph. vi. 1–3.)

What is the signification of this Commandment?

That we should so fear and love God, as not to despise or displease our parents or superiors; but honor, serve, obey, love, and esteem them.

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT.

“Thou shalt not kill.” (Gen. ix. 6; Matt. v. 21; Num. xxxv. 16.)

What is the purport of this Commandment?

That we should so fear and love God, as not to do our neighbor any bodily injury; but rather assist and comfort him in danger or want.

THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT.

“Thou shalt not commit adultery.” (Heb. xiii. 4; Matt. v. 27, 32; 1 Cor. vi. 18, 19.)

What do you understand by this Commandment?

That we should so fear and love God, as to live chaste and undefiled in words and deeds, and each to love and honor his wife or her husband.

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THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT.

“Thou shalt not steal.” (Lev. xix. 11; Thess. iv. 6; Ephes. iv. 28; 1 Tim. vi. 6, 10.)

What is meant by this Commandment?

That we should so fear and love God, as not to rob our neighbor of his property, or bring it into our possession by unfair dealing or fraudulent means; but help him to augment and protect it.

THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT.

“Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.” (Matt. xv. 19; John viii. 44; Prov. xix. 5; John i. 19, 20; Zech. viii. 16, 17.)

What is inculcated in this Commandment?

That we should so fear and love God, as not to belie, betray, slander, or raise injurious reports against our neighbor; but apologize for him, speak well of him, and put the most charitable construction on all his actions.

THE NINTH COMMANDMENT.

“Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s house.” (Deut. v. 21; Mic. ii. 1, 2; Gal. v. 16; Rom. vii. 7, 8.)

What is enjoined in this Commandment?

That we should so fear and love God, as not to cherish improper desires for the inheritance or estate of our neighbor, or aim at obtaining it by deceit or the false appearance of a legal right; but

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be ready to assist and serve him in the preservation of his own.

THE TENTH COMMANDMENT.

“Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.” (James i. 14, 15; Matt. v. 28; 2 Peter i. 4; John ii. 15; Matt. xv. 19; Eph. iv. 22-24.)

What is required in this Commandment?

That we should so fear and love God, as not even to wish to seduce our neighbor's spouse, to corrupt or alienate from him his servants, or to force away from him or let loose his cattle; but rather to use our endeavors, that they may continue with, and discharge their duty to him.

What saith the Lord God concerning these Commandments?

He saith: “I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.” (Nahum i. 2; 2 Pet. ii. 4, 6; Hos. vi. 5; Ps. ciii. 17, 18; Exod. xx. 5, 6.)

What do we learn from this declaration?

God threatens to punish all who transgress these commandments; we should, therefore, dread his

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displeasure, and not act contrary to his laws. But he also promises grace and every blessing to all such as obey these laws; we should, therefore, love and confide in him, and cheerfully do what he has commanded us.

PART II.—OF THE CREED;

OR, THE ARTICLES OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH.

Of what does the first article consist?

Of the Creation.

Rehearse it.

I believe in God the Father, Almighty Maker of heaven and earth.

What do you profess to believe in this article?

I believe that God hath created me and all that exists; that he hath given and still preserves to me my body and soul, with all their members and faculties, and all that I possess; that he richly and daily provides me with all the necessities and enjoyments of life; that he guards me from danger and preserves me from evil; wholly induced by divine, paternal love and mercy, without any claim of merit or worthiness in me; for all which I am in duty bound to thank, praise, serve, and obey him.—This is most certainly true.

Of what does the second article treat?

Of our Redemption.

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Rehearse it.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell;* the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

What do you profess to believe in this article?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord; who hath redeemed, purchased, and delivered me, a poor, forlorn, condemned person, from sin, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood, and with his innocent sufferings and death; in order that I might be his, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and happiness; even as he is risen from the dead, and now lives and reigns to all eternity.—This is most certainly true.

Of what does the third article treat?

Of our Sanctification.

*Place of departed spirits.

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Rehearse it.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic (universal) Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

What do you profess to believe in this article?

I believe, that I cannot merely by my own reason or other natural powers, believe in or come to Jesus Christ, my Lord; but that the Holy Spirit hath called me by the gospel, enlightened me by his gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true faith, in like manner as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and preserves it in union with Jesus Christ, by the true faith; in which Christian church he daily and richly forgives me, and all other believers, all our sins; and will, at the last day, raise up me and all the dead, and will grant unto me and all that believe in Jesus Christ, everlasting life.—This is most certainly true.

PART III.—OF THE LORD'S PRAYER.

THE INTRODUCTION.

“Our Father who art in Heaven.”

What does our Saviour teach us in this preface?

That God would affectionately invite us to believe, and to be assured, that he is truly our

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Father, and that we are his children indeed; and to call upon him with all cheerfulness and confidence, even as beloved children entreat a kind and affectionate parent.

THE FIRST PETITION.

“Hallowed be thy name.”

How is this to be understood?

God's name is indeed holy in itself; but we pray, in this petition, that it may also be sanctified by us.

When is this effected?

When the word of God is taught pure and unadulterated, and we, as the children of God, live holy lives, conformably to its precepts. To this, may the Lord our Father in heaven incline us! But he, whose doctrine and life are contrary to the word of God, dishonors the name of God among us. From this preserve us, O Lord, our Heavenly Father!

THE SECOND PETITION.

“Thy kingdom come.”

How is this to be understood?

The kingdom of God will come, indeed, without our prayers; but we pray, in this petition, that it may also come unto us.

When is this effected?

When our Heavenly Father gives us his holy

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Spirit so that, by his grace, we believe in his holy word, and live a godly life, here, in time, and in heaven for ever.

THE THIRD PETITION.

"Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

How is this to be understood?

God's good and gracious will is done, indeed, without our prayers; but, in this petition, we pray, that it may also be done by us.

When is this done?

When God prevents and destroys all evil counsels and intentions, the will of the devil, of the world, and of our own flesh, which tend to dishonor the name of God among us, and hinder the coming of his kingdom to us; and when he strengthens and preserves us steadfast in his word and faith, unto our end. This is his good and gracious will.

THE FOURTH PETITION.

"Give us this day our daily bread."

How is this to be understood?

God bestows, indeed, unasked, the necessities and conveniences of life, even upon the wicked; but in this petition we pray, that he would make us sensible of his mercies, and enable us to receive them with thanksgiving.

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What is comprehended in the term, "our daily bread"?

Everything necessary to the support and comfort of existence; as food and raiment, house and land, money and goods; a kind spouse, good children, faithful servants, righteous magistrates, good weather, peace, health, instruction, honor, true friends, good neighbors, and the like.

THE FIFTH PETITION.

"And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."

How is this to be understood?

We pray in this petition that our Heavenly Father would not regard our sins, nor deny us our requests on account of them; for we merit not one single good thing at his hands; but that, though we very often and greatly offend and deserve severe chastisement, he would of his free grace pardon us and bestow on us what we desire.—We promise also, on our part, heartily to forgive, and willingly to do good to those by whom we have been offended.

THE SIXTH PETITION.

"And lead us not into temptation."

How is this to be understood?

Properly speaking, God tempts no man to evil; but we pray in this petition, that God would pro-

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tect and preserve us from the devil, the world, and our own deceitful hearts; and not suffer us to be seduced by them into unbelief, despair, or any other great and shameful sins; and that, though we may be tempted and assaulted by them, we may nevertheless conquer, and finally obtain the victory over them.

THE SEVENTH PETITION.

“But deliver us from evil.”

How is this to be understood?

We pray in this petition, as in a summary, that our Heavenly Father would vouchsafe to deliver us from evil and suffering, whether it affect the soul or the body, property, or character; and at last, when the hour of death shall arrive, grant us a happy end, and graciously take us from this world of imperfection and sorrow to himself in heaven.

THE CONCLUSION.

“For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.”

What signifies the word, “Amen”?

The assurance, that such petitions are acceptable to my Father in heaven, and heard of him, for he himself has commanded us thus to pray, and has promised to hear our supplications. Amen, amen, signifies yea, yea, it shall be so.”

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PART IV.—OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM.

(Matt. xxviii. 18, 20; Mark xvi. 15, 16; Luke iii. 3; Col. ii. 11, 12, 13; Gen. xvii. 9, 14; Rom. iv. 11.)

What is baptism?

Baptism is not mere water; but it is that water which the ordinance of God enjoins, and which is connected with God's word. (Ephes. v. 25, 26; John iii. 5; Luke iii. 2.)

What is that commandment of God?

That, which our Lord Jesus Christ gave his disciples (Matt. xxviii. 19): "Go ye, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

What are the benefits of Baptism?

It causes* the forgiveness of sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives everlasting salvation to those that believe, as the word and promise of God declare. (Mark i. 4; Gal. iii. 26, 27; Tit. iii. 5; Rom. vi. 3, 4; Ephes. v. 26, 27; Col. ii. 12; John iii. 1, 2.)

Which are these words and promises of God?

Those, in which our Lord declares (Mark xvi. 16): "He that believeth and is baptized shall be

*That is, it is one of the appointed means for obtaining those blessings.

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saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” (Mark xvi. 15, 16; 1 Peter iii. 21; Heb. xi. 6.)

How can water produce such great effects?

It is not the water that produces them, but the word of God, which is connected with the water, and our faith confiding in this word of God, in the use of baptismal water. For, without the word of God, the water is mere water, and no baptism; but with the word of God it is a baptism, that is, a merciful water of life, and a laver of regeneration in the Holy Ghost: as St. Paul says to Titus (iii. 5, 6), “According to his mercy hath he saved us by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he hath shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour,” that thereby we might be made righteous, and be heirs according to the hope of everlasting life. (Tit. iii. 5, 6, 7; Gal. iii. 26, 27; Ephes. v. 26, 27.)

What does such water-baptism signify?

It signifies, that the old Adam, with all sinful lusts and affections, should be drowned and destroyed by daily sorrow and repentance; and that a new man should daily arise, that shall dwell in the presence of God in righteousness and purity for ever. (1 Pet. iii. 20; 1 Cor. x. 2; Gal. v. 24; Col. iii. 5, 10; Rom. vi. 12.)

Where is this said in the Scriptures?

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St. Paul, in his Epistle to the Romans (vi. 4), says: "We are buried with Christ by baptism into his death; that, like as he was raised up from the dead, by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

Do the Scriptures prescribe any particular quantity of water, or mode of applying it in baptism?

They do not.

Does the meaning of the word baptism itself, in the Scriptures, throw any light on this subject?

The apostle Paul, in Heb. ix. 10, calls the ritual purifications of the Jews "divers baptisms," (see the Greek;) and, by referring to Numbers xix. 13, 18, 19, 20, 21, where these baptisms are described, we find that some of them were certainly performed by sprinkling and pouring the water, and others, perhaps, by immersion.

What appears to have been the practice of the apostles?

Sometimes they baptized either in or at running water, and, at other times, in houses (Acts xvi. 33); but in no case is it mentioned how they applied the water.

What do you infer from all these facts?

That any quantity of water, in any way applied by an authorized person, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, constitutes Christian baptism.

Who are the proper subjects of baptism?

Adult believers, and also infants.

Have we a right to exclude infants from baptism?

We certainly have not; because,

1. God expressly established infant-membership in his church, at its first visible organization, and never since withdrew this privilege. (Gen. xvii. 12.) "He that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you," &c.

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Hence, as the covenant, (and church), then established by God, was "everlasting," v. 7, it must, as the apostle teaches, (Rom. xi. 20, 24,) extend to the end of the world substantially the same church. And, as God established infant-membership in it, no one can revoke it but God himself, which he has not done.

2. Our *Saviour expressly commands* his followers to make disciples of *all nations*, by baptizing them, (Matt. xxviii. 18, 20;) and says nothing about excepting children. Hence, as children had been admitted to the church for 1900 years, and as the Jews had never heard of a church of God from which children were excluded, it would have been necessary for the Saviour expressly to except children, if he had wished them excluded. But this he has not done, therefore he did not intend that we should.

3. We are expressly told that the *apostles baptized whole families*, which, it is reasonable to suppose, contained children. (Acts xvi. 15, 33.)

4. Origen, who was born only 85 years after St. John died, and other Christian fathers, assert that *infant baptism was handed down to their age from the days of the apostles*.

Has infant baptism been the almost universal practice of the church?

It undoubtedly has been. During the first four hundred years from the formation of the Christian church, neither any society of men, nor any individual, denied the lawfulness of baptizing infants. Tertullian only urged the delay of baptism to infants, and that not in all cases. And Gregory only delayed it, perhaps, to his own children.

In the next seven hundred years, there was not a society, nor an individual, who even pleaded its delay, much less any who denied the right or duty of infant-baptism.

In the year 1120, one sect rejected infant-baptism, but it

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was opposed by the other churches as heretical, and soon came to nothing.

From that time, no one opposed the baptism of infants until the year 1522; since which time, also, the great body of the Christian church has continued to practice infant-baptism.

What is required of those who are baptized in their infancy?

That they should make a personal profession of religion, that is, should "*confirm*" the vows made for them at their baptism, so soon as they attain the years of discretion.

PART V.—OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR; OR, LORD'S SUPPER.

(1 Cor. xi. 20, 33; Exod. xii. 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 26, 27.)

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,* under the external signs of bread and wine, given unto Christians to eat and drink, as it was instituted by Christ himself. (1 Cor. x. 16, 17, xi. 29.)

* "The Lutheran Church," says the celebrated Dr. Mosheim, "does not believe in impanation, nor in subpanation, nor in consubstantiation; nor in a physical or material presence of the body and blood of the Saviour." (*Elementa Theol. Dog. in loc.*)

But she maintains that the Saviour fulfils his promise, and is actually present, especially present, at the Holy Supper, in a manner incomprehensible to us, and not defined in Scripture. And why should it be thought a thing impossible, that he, who fills immensity with his presence, should be there where his disciples meet to celebrate his dying love?

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Which are the words of the institution of the Sacrament?

The holy evangelists, Matthew, Mark, and Luke, together with the holy apostle, St. Paul, write thus: "Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it and gave it unto his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise, after the supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, Drink ye all of this; this cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as ye drink it, in remembrance of me." (Matt. xxvi. 26, 28; Mark xiv. 22, 23, 24; Luke xxii. 14, 20; 1 Cor. xi. 23, 26; Gal. iii. 15.)

What are the benefits derived from thus eating and drinking in the Lord's Supper?

They are pointed out in those words of the institution, "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins;" which words show us, that forgiveness of sin, life and salvation, are imparted to us in the sacrament; for where there is remission of sins, there of course is also life and salvation.

How can corporeal eating and drinking produce such great effects?

It is not the eating and drinking that produces

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them, but that solemn declaration, "which is given and shed for you, for the remission of sins;" which words, besides the literal eating and drinking, are considered as the chief thing in the sacrament. Wherefore, whoever truly believes these words, has what they promise, even the forgiveness of sin.

Who is it that receives the Sacrament worthily?

Fasting and bodily preparation are indeed a good external discipline; but he alone is truly worthy and well prepared, that believes in these words, "Given and shed for you for the remission of sin." But whoever is void of this faith, or doubts in his mind, is unworthy and unfit; for the words, "for you," require truly believing hearts.

PART VI.—THE ORDER OF SALVATION.*

In Short and Simple Questions and Answers.

1. *Question.* What is your state by nature?

Answer. I am a sinful being. (Ps. li. 5.)

2. Who created you?

God created me. (Gen. i. 27.)

* It may be proper to state that this "Order of Salvation" was composed by Dr. John Anastasius Freylinghausen, of Halle, about the beginning of the last century, whilst the introduction, the questions on baptism in smaller type, together with several notes, were prepared by Dr. S. S. Schmucker, with the sanction of the General Synod.

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3. Do you believe that there is a God?

Yes, I believe that there is a God. (Heb. xi. 6.)

4. Can we see God?

No, here we cannot see God. (1 Cor. viii. 4-6; John i. 18; 1 Tim. vi. 16.)

5. What is God, that we cannot see him?

God is a spirit (John iv. 24), or an uncreated, spiritual, most perfect being.

6. Are there more Gods than one?

No, there is but one God. (1 Cor. viii. 4-6; Mark xii. 29.)

7. How is this one God called?

The one God is called Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. (Matt. xxviii. 19.)

8. Are not Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, three Gods?

No, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, are three persons, and these three persons are one God. (John x. 30; 1 John v. 7.)

9. Has God no beginning?

No, God is eternal, and has neither beginning nor end. (Ps. xc. 1, 2.)

10. Where is God?

God is everywhere present. (Ps. cxxxix. 7, 10.)

11. Does God see and hear all things?

Yes, God knows every thing that takes place in the whole world. (Jer. xxiii. 24.)

12. Is God omnipotent?

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Yes, God is almighty, and can do whatsoever he pleases. (Ps. cxv. 3.)

13. Did God create the whole world?

Yes, God is the almighty maker of heaven and earth. (Ps. xxxiii. 6.)

14. Can the universe which God created uphold itself?

No; as God created all things, so he preserves and governs them. (John v. 17; Heb. i. 3; Ps. cxlvii. 5.)

15. But does sin also proceed from God?

No, from God no evil can proceed. (Ps. v. 5.)

16. Is God free from sin, and altogether holy and good?

Yes, God is the chief good, and there is no evil in him. (Luke xviii. 19; Deut. xxxii. 4.) He is true (Ps. xxxiii. 4), holy (Isa. vi. 3), just (Ps. cxlv. 17), and gracious. (Ps. ciii. 8, 13.)

17. But how did you become a sinner?

I inherited my depraved nature from Adam, the first man. (Rom. v. 12.)

18. How many persons did God at first create?

God at first created two human beings, namely, Adam and Eve. (Gen. i. 27.)

19. What are the constituent parts of man?

Every man consists of a soul and body. (1 Cor. vi. 20; Eccl. xii. 7.)

20. Out of what did God create the first man?

God made the first man out of the dust of the earth. (Gen. ii. 7.)

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21. But how did God give unto him a soul?

God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and thus man became a living soul. (Gen. ii. 7.)

22. In whose likeness was man originally created?

Man was a beautiful image of God, particularly with respect to his soul, and also with respect to his body. (Gen. i. 27.)

23. What is the soul of man?

The soul is a created spirit, possessed of understanding and will. (Luke xxiv. 39; Matt. x. 28.)

24. In what state was the understanding of man originally formed?

His understanding had a heavenly knowledge of God and his will. (Col. iii. 10.)

25. What was the original state of his will?

The will had a divine power to love and do that which is good, and to hate and avoid evil. (Ephes. iv. 24.)

26. What is the body of man?

The body is the visible part of man, with which the soul is united. (Matt. x. 28.)

27. How was the body of man constructed?

The body of man, before the fall, was holy, beautiful, and immortal. (Rom. v. 12.)

28. Was man entirely free from sin and misery, when God created him?

Yes; man had at first no sin, nor any misery, either in body or soul. (Gen. i. 31.)

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29. But how did Adam and Eve become sinners?

Adam and Eve fell from God. (Gen. iii.)

30. Who seduced our first parents?

The devil seduced them. (2 Cor. xi. 3.)

31. What were the devils at first?

The devils were at first good angels. (Jude 6; John viii. 44.)

32. Who created the angels?

God created many good angels. (Col. i. 16.)

33. What are the good angels?

They are holy and happy spirits. (Heb. i. 17.)

34. What is the employment of the good angels?

They praise God, serve him, and protect the righteous. (Heb. i. 14; Ps. ciii. 20; Ps. xxxiv. 8.)

35. How did some good angels become devils?

Many good angels fell from God, and lost their original holiness. (John viii. 44.)

36. What are the bad angels?

They are unholy and unhappy spirits. (Ephes. vi. 12.)

37. What is the employment of the bad angels?

They endeavor to oppose the glory and will of God, and to seduce men to sin. (2 Cor. iv. 4; 1 Peter v. 8.)

38. To what does the devil seduce men?

The devil seduces men to disobedience toward God. (2 Cor. xi. 3.)

39. What was the nature of Adam's fall?

The fall of Adam consisted in this, that man

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alienated his heart from God to the devil. (Acts xxvi. 18.)

40. Wherein did Adam and Eve externally manifest their disobedience toward God, and their obedience to the devil?

Adam and Eve ate of the fruit which God had commanded them not to eat. (Gen. iii. 6; Gen. ii. 16, 17.)

41. What did man lose, when he became obedient to the devil and fell from God?

Man lost the beautiful image of God, and became an image of the devil. (Ephes. ii. 1, 3.)

42. What was the state of the soul and body of man after the fall?

Soul and body became unfit for anything good, and prepared for, and inclined to, evil. (Gen. vi. 5.)

43. How did sin come upon all men?

By the fall of Adam, sin and death came upon all men. (Romans v. 12.)

44. What is sin?

Sin is everything that is evil and unrighteous, or everything that is contrary to the law of God. (1 John v. 17; 1 John iii. 4.)

45. How is that sin called which we inherited from Adam?

The sin which we inherited from Adam is called original sin, Ps. li. 5 (or natural depravity).

46. Whence, therefore, does sin proceed?

Sin proceeds from the devil and from man. (1 John iii. 8; Romans v. 12.)

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47. Do we not ourselves also commit sin?

Yes, we daily commit very many sins. (Ps. xix. 12.)

48. How are those sins called which we commit?

The sins which we commit are called actual sins. (Mark vii. 21, 22.)

49. How do we commit actual sin?

We sin daily in thoughts, in looks, in words, and in deeds. (Matt. xv. 19; Gen. iv. 5, 7; Matt. xii. 36; Gal. v. 19, 21.)

50. How many kinds of sin are there?

Two—original and actual sin.

51. What is original sin?

Original sin is the inbred depravity of our nature, which renders us incapable of doing good, and inclined to every species of evil. (John iii. 6; Rom. iii. 12.)

52. What is actual sin?

Actual sin is every omission to do good, and every commission of evil, whether performed internally by thoughts and desires, or externally by looks, words, and deeds. (Matt. ix. 4; Ps. xxxix. 1; Col. iii. 5, 9; Ephes. v. 3, 4; James iv. 17.)

53. How do we make ourselves partakers of other men's sins?

When we command, advise, or approve of evil, and do not prevent or reprove it, or make it manifest, that it may be punished, we make ourselves partakers of other men's sins. (1 Tim. v. 22.)

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54. What do we all deserve by our sins?

We all deserve the wrath and displeasure of God, temporal death, and eternal damnation. (Romans i. 18; ii. 8, 9; v. 12; vi. 23; Matt. vii. 19.)

55. Must all men now necessarily be lost forever?

No, we can obtain the lost salvation again. (Romans v. 18, 19.)

56. Who interfered in our behalf, that we should not be eternally lost?

God graciously extended his mercy to us and to all men. (Jer. xxxi. 3; 1 Tim. ii. 4.)

57. When did God determine to have fallen mankind redeemed?

God determined in eternity to have all mankind redeemed, and to bestow salvation on believers. (Ephes. i. 4, 6; John iii. 18, 36.)

58. When did God promise a Redeemer?

Immediately after the fall, God promised to give us a Redeemer. (Gen. iii. 15; John iii. 16.)

59. Who is this our Redeemer?

Jesus Christ is our Redeemer. (Luke ii. 11.)

60. What is meant by the name *Jesus*?

Jesus means Saviour. (Matt. i. 21.)

61. What does the name *Christ* mean?

Christ means the *anointed*, and is equivalent to Messiah. (Acts x. 38.)

62. Who is Christ?

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Christ is the Son of God, true God and man.
(Matt. xvi. 16; 1 John v. 20; John i. 14.)

63. Did God give us his Son as a Redeemer?

Yes, God gave us his Son, when the Son of God became man. (Gal. iv. 4.)

64. Of whom was Christ born?

Christ was born of the Virgin Mary. (Matt. i. 23; Isa. vii. 14.)

65. Why was it necessary that Christ should become man?

It was necessary that Christ should become man, in order that he, by submitting to sufferings and death, could redeem us. (Heb. ii. 14, 17.)

66. Why was it requisite that Christ should also be true God?

Christ had to be true God, in order that his redemption might have the efficacy to produce reconciliation with God. (Romans v. 10.)

67. By what did Christ redeem us, and produce reconciliation with God?

Christ effected reconciliation with God by his obedience unto death. (Phil. ii. 8.)

68. What did Christ fulfil in our stead?

Christ in our stead yielded a perfect obedience to the whole law. (Matt. v. 17.)

69. What did Christ take upon himself?

Christ took upon himself the guilt and punishment of our sins. (Isa. liii. 5, 6; John i. 29.)

70. What did Christ suffer for us?

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Christ died for us, and shed his blood for us, on the cross. (Romans v. 8; 1 Peter ii. 24.)

71. Did Christ remain dead in the grave?

No, Christ arose again on the third day. (Luke xxiv. 46; 2 Tim. ii. 8.)

72. Where did Christ remain after his resurrection?

Christ visibly ascended to heaven. (Acts i. 9.)

73. Where did Christ seat himself?

Christ sitteth on the right hand of God, to bestow on men the purchased salvation. (Mark xvi. 19.)

74. Whom did Christ redeem?

Christ redeemed all men. (1 Tim. ii. 6; 1 John ii. 2.)

75. From what did Christ redeem us?

—Christ “redeemed us from all iniquity,” from death, and from the power of the devil. (1 John i. 7; Titus ii. 14; 2 Tim. i. 10; Heb. ii. 14.)

76. What did he purchase for us?

Christ purchased for us the favor of God, the gracious influence of the Holy Ghost, and eternal salvation. (John i. 16, 17; xvi. 7; Heb. vii. 25; ix. 15.)

77. Will all men therefore be saved?

No, comparatively few will be saved. (Matt. vii. 14; Luke xiii. 24.)

78. Whose fault is it, that so many will still be eternally lost?

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Men are themselves the cause of their damnation, if they determine to remain in their sins. (Matt. xxiii. 37: 2 Peter iii. 9.)

79. What persons will be saved?

Those who receive Christ by faith will be saved. (John iii. 16, 36.)

80. Can you believe in Christ by your own strength?

No, I cannot believe in Christ by my own reason or strength. (1 Cor. ii. 14; John vi. 29.)

81. For what must you pray to God, in order that you may obtain strength to believe?

I must pray to God for the influence of the Holy Ghost. (1 Cor. xii. 3; Luke xi. 13.)

82. What does the Holy Ghost do for us?

The Holy Ghost sanctifies us. (Rom. xv. 16.)

83. Are you not holy by nature?

No, by nature I am unholy. (Gen. vi. 5; Rom. iii. 10.)

84. What makes you unholy?

Sin makes me unholy. (Ps. li. 4, 7.)

85. How can you now become holy?

When I am delivered from my sins, then I shall be holy. (1 Cor. vi. 11; 1 John i. 7.)

86. What does the Holy Ghost do, when he delivers us from our sins and makes us holy?

The Holy Ghost calls, enlightens, sanctifies, and preserves us. (2 Thess. ii. 14; 2 Tim. i. 9; 2 Cor. iv. 6; 2 Peter i. 19; Titus iii. 5, 7; Phil. i. 6.)

87. How does the Holy Ghost call us?

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When we hear the word of God, the Holy Ghost calls us from sin and from the power of the devil back to God. (Acts xxvi. 18.)

88. How does the Holy Ghost enlighten and sanctify us?

The Holy Ghost works in us faith in Christ, and makes us entirely new creatures. (John vi. 29; Eph. i. 19; Ps. li. 10; Ezek. xxxvi. 26, 27.)

89. Has faith, then, such great power as to deliver you from your sins and make you holy?

Faith has the power to make a sinner righteous and holy. (Rom. iv. 3, 5; Acts xv. 9; xxvi. 18; John i. 12, 13.)

90. How does faith make you righteous before God?

When my faith embraces Christ, then have I the righteousness of Christ, and forgiveness of all my sins. (Romans iii. 24, 25.)

91. How does faith make us holy?

Faith restores the image of God in us, that we can rule over our sins and live holy. (Gal. vi. 15; v. 6; 2 Cor. iii. 18; Rom. vi. 12; 1 Pet. iv. 6.)

92. Where did the Holy Ghost begin this sanctification in you?

In the holy ordinance of Baptism, the Holy Ghost began this sanctification in me. (Titus iii. 5, 7.)

93. What did God promise you in holy baptism?

God promised, and also bestowed upon me the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. (Acts ii. 38; 1 Peter iii. 21.)

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94. But what did you promise God?

I promised that I would renounce the devil and all his works, and all his ways, and believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. (Rom. vi. 2, 3; James iv. 7; Hosea ii. 19, 20; Rev. ii. 10.)

95. Through whom did you make this promise in holy baptism?

I made this promise in holy baptism through my parents or sponsors.

96. Are all baptized persons holy and pious?

No, many fall from their baptismal covenant. (2 Peter ii. 20, 22.)

97. Whereby does a person fall from his baptismal covenant?

By wilful sin we fall from our baptismal covenant. (Isaiah lix. 2.)

98. What is wilful sin?

When a person sins voluntarily and intentionally, he commits a wilful sin. (Romans vi. 16; x. 21; Gal. v. 19, 21.)

99. How can such a wilful sinner be sanctified again?

He can be sanctified again through the word of God. (John xvii. 17; James i. 21.)

100. What is the Word of God?

The whole Bible, or the Holy Scriptures, are the word of God. (2 Peter i. 21.)

101. What must he diligently hear and read, who wishes to become pious and holy?

He who wishes to become pious must diligently

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and devoutly hear and read the word of God. (2 Peter i. 19.)

102. How do we hear the word of God devoutly?

We hear the word of God devoutly, when, whilst hearing it, we fervently pray for the illumination of the Holy Ghost. (2 Cor. iv. 6; Ephes. i. 17, 18; Ps. cxix. 18, 33, 34.)

103. What can we learn out of the word of God?

Out of the word of God we can learn everything that is necessary for our salvation. (Ps. xix. 7, 8; 2 Tim. iii. 15.)

104. What does the word of God reprove in us?

The word of God reproves all our sins. (John xvi. 8; Rom. iii. 20.)

105. But to what does the word of God exhort us?

The word of God exhorts us to repentance and conversion. (Matt. iii. 2; Acts ii. 38.)

106. Which, therefore, is the way in which man can be saved?

The only order of salvation is repentance, and particularly faith in Christ. (2 Pet. iii. 9.)

107. What is repentance?

Repentance is a change of heart and mind. (Acts xxvi. 18; Romans xii. 2.)

108. How many parts has repentance?

Repentance has two parts: sorrow for sin, and faith in Christ. (2 Cor. vii. 10; John iii. 36.)

109. What must a person be sorry for, when he wishes to be converted?

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He who wishes to be converted, must sincerely study to know his sins, be sorry for them, and hate them. (Jer. iii. 13; Ps. vi. 6; Romans xii. 9.)

110. What does God do when a person is filled with sincere penitence for his sins, and a sense of his danger?

When a person has been brought to see the danger of his situation on account of his sins, God works faith in him. (Ps. li. 17; Acts xvi. 29, 31.)

111. In whom do we particularly believe?

We must believe in Jesus Christ, our only Redeemer. (John iii. 16; Acts iv. 12.)

112. Is that a genuine faith when a person boldly, and without sincere repentance, says, "I comfort myself in my dear Lord and Saviour?"

No; where there is no sincere repentance, there is also no true faith. (Matt. xxvii. 3, 5.) Instance the example of Judas.

113. But when have we a genuine faith in Christ?

We have a genuine faith in Christ when we are alarmed on account of our sins, and sensible of their greatness, and find our only hope and comfort in Jesus Christ. (Ps. vi. 2, 4; 1 Tim. i. 5; Phil. iii. 8, 9.)

114. What is true faith?

True faith is a confident reliance on the grace of God through Christ, wrought by the Holy Spirit. (Hebrews xi.)

115. What must follow, if our repentance is genuine?

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Reformation of life must follow repentance.
(Matt. iii. 8; James ii. 17.)

116. In what does reformation of life consist?

Reformation of life consists in following Christ.
(Matt. xvi. 24; x. 38; Phil. ii. 5.)

117. How do you follow Christ?

I follow Christ when I deny all ungodliness, and worldly lusts, and live soberly, righteously, and godly in this world. (Titus ii. 12.)

118. Do all wilful sinners become penitent?

No, the majority of men remain impenitent in their sins. (John i. 10, 11.)

119. Into how many classes, therefore, may men be divided?

Into two classes; some repent, and are pious; the majority live without repentance, and are wicked. (Matt. vii. 13, 14; xiii. 24, 38, 47.)

120. Can the wicked do no good works?

No, without faith no man can do anything good.
(Heb. xi. 6; Rom. xiv. 23; Matt. xii. 34, 35.)

121. But can believers do good works?

Yes, believers strive from day to day to become more pious. (2 Cor. vii. 1; John xv. 2.)

122. But can believers live entirely free from sin?

No, true believers daily commit many sins through infirmity. (1 John i. 8; James iii. 2.)

123. What is a sin of infirmity?

When a believer sins through ignorance or in-

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cautiousness, he commits a sin of infirmity. (Gal. vi. 1.)

124. What does a believer do when he has sinned through infirmity?

A believer sincerely repents of his past sins, and prays God for the forgiveness of them. (1 John i. 9.)

125. Does God pardon the sins of believers?

Yes, as long as a believer does not sin wilfully, he has forgiveness with God. (1 John ii. 1.)

126. What ought we daily to do, in order that we may no relapse into wilful sin?

We must daily watch and pray. (Matt. xxvi. 41; Ephes. vi. 18.)

127. How does a believer watch?

A believer watches when he keeps a guard over all his thoughts, gestures, words, and works. (1 Peter v. 8; Gal. vi. 1.)

128. What is prayer?

Prayer is a conversation with God. (Ps. xix. 14.)

129. How can we, therefore, converse with God in heaven?

By prayer we can converse with God. (Ps. xviii. 6.)

130. How does God converse with us?

God converses with us through his word. (Ps. cxix. 92.)

131. What prayer did the Lord Jesus teach us?

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Jesus himself taught us the Lord's prayer.
(Luke xi. 1-4.)

132. Who can pray acceptably to God?

Every inquiring or believing soul, and also a pious child, can pray acceptably to God. (Matt. vii. 7; Amos v. 4; Ezra viii. 22; Deut. iv. 29; John ix. 31; Ps. viii. 2.)

133. For whom is it our duty to pray?

We must pray for ourselves, for all believers, and for all mankind. (Ephes. vi. 18; Phil. iv. 6; 1 Tim. ii. 1; Matt. v. 44.)

134. How must we pray?

We must pray in the name of Jesus, with all confidence and hope; as dear children entreat their beloved father. (Heb. iv. 16; John xvi. 23; Matt. vii. 9, 11; vi. 6.)

135. For what things must we pray?

We ought to pray chiefly for spiritual, and also for temporal blessings. (Matt. vi. 33; xviii. 19.)

136. Where must we pray?

We can and must pray **in** all places. (1 Tim. ii. 8.)

137. When must we pray?

We ought to pray at all times in spirit, and at particular times also with our lips. (Luke xviii. 1; 1 Thess. v. 17; Ps. li. 14-17.)

138. Does God hear our prayers?

Yes, when the righteous cry, the Lord heareth

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them, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
Ps. xxxiv. 6, 17, 18.)

139. How can a person pray to God at all times?

We can always pray by having God before our eyes in our daily business. (Gen. xvii. 1.)

140. What other means did Christ appoint for the purpose of strengthening the faith of believers?

Christ instituted the Holy Supper to strengthen our faith. (Matt. xxvi. 26.)

141. What does the Lord Jesus give you in the Holy Supper?

The Lord Jesus gives me his body and blood.
(John vi. 54.)

142. How do you receive the body of Christ?

By faith I receive the body of Christ with the bread. (1 Cor. x. 16.)

143. How do you receive the blood of Christ?

By faith I receive the blood of Christ with the wine. (1 Cor. x. 16.)

144. What persons ought to receive the Holy Supper?

None but believers should receive the Holy Supper. (Matt. xxvi. 26.)

145. What must a believer do when he approaches the table of the Lord?

A believer must examine the various imperfections of his life, beseech God's forgiveness, and reform. (1 Cor. xi. 28; Ps. xix. 12; Luke iii. 8, 9.)

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146. Shall a wicked man not receive the Holy Supper at all?

A wicked man cannot worthily go to the Lord's table, until he has made a beginning to repent. (Matt. vii. 6.) .

147. But is it necessary that a believer should often receive the Holy Supper?

Yes, a believer should often partake of the Holy Supper, that he may remain steadfast in religion. (1 Cor. xi. 25, 26.)

148. Does a believer always meet with prosperity in this world?

No, believers must enter into the kingdom of heaven through much affliction and sorrow. (Acts xiv. 22; 2 Tim. iii. 12; 1 Pet. iv. 1.)

149. **How** do the pious fare among the wicked?

The pious are derided and persecuted by the wicked. (Matt. v. 10; John xv. 10.)

150. How should the pious conduct themselves amid all their sufferings?

The pious should patiently bear all their afflictions, and love their enemies. (James i. 12; Hebrews xii. 1-13.)

151. Against whom must believers daily contend?

Believers must daily contend against the devil, the world, and their own flesh. (Ephes. vi. 11; John v. 4; Gal. v. 24.)

152. When will believers be delivered from all suffering?

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In death believers will be delivered from all suffering. (2 Timothy iv. 18.)

153. Of what nature is a believer's death?

The death of believers is a happy death. (Phil. i. 23; 2 Cor. v. 4.)

154. Whither do the souls of believers go after death?

The souls of believers after death go to God in heaven. (Wisdom iii. 1; Luke xvi. 22.)

155. But will the body remain dead in the grave?

No, the bodies of believers will one day rise again in a glorified state. (1 Cor. xv. 42.)

156. Who will raise the dead?

Christ will, at the last day, awaken all the dead. (John v. 25, 28, 29.)

157. Is the death of the wicked also a happy death?

No, the death of the wicked is an unhappy death. (Luke xvi. 23.)

158. But if the wicked before their death pray fervently, and receive the Holy Supper, do they not then certainly die happy?

No, if the wicked do not sincerely repent before their death, neither external prayer, nor the Holy Supper, will profit them. (Matt. vii. 21.)

159. Will the wicked also rise at the last day?

Yes, the wicked also shall be awakened. (Daniel xii. 2.)

160. Will each soul be reunited to its body?

Yes, the souls, as well of the wicked as of the

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pious, will again be united with their bodies.
(Job xix. 25.)

161. What will take place at the last day?

Christ will hold judgment over all men. (John v. 22; 2 Cor. v. 10; Matt. xii. 36.)

162. How will he introduce the faithful into glory with their souls and bodies?

Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. (Matt. xxv. 34.)

163. How will he sentence the ungodly into eternal damnation?

Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. (Matt. xxv. 41.)

164. What else will occur at the last day?

At the last day heaven and earth shall pass away. (Luke xxi. 33; 2 Peter iii. 10.)

165. What will be the situation of men in eternity?

The damned will suffer eternal pain in hell; but the elect will see God and their Saviour, and enjoy eternal happiness. (Matt. xxv. 46; 1 Peter i. 8, 9.)

166. What do you wish to learn from these Christian doctrines?

I will heartily beseech God that he would daily enable me to see more of the greatness of my sins, and of the grace of Jesus Christ; that he would guard me that I walk not with the wicked world, and be damned with it; but that I may live in the

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daily exercise of repentance and faith. (1 Peter iv. 1-4.)

167. What consolation will this afford you?

If I live in repentance and faith, I am a child of God, I have the forgiveness of my sins, I shall die happy, and receive eternal life. (Rom. viii. 16, 17.)

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OF MINISTERS.—A Bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach; not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre: but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; not a novice. Holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and convince gainsayers. (1 Tim. iii. 2, 3, 4, 6; Titus i. 9.)

OF HEARERS.—“For the laborer is worthy of his hire.” (Luke x. 7.) “Even so hath the Lord ordained, that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.” (1 Cor. ix. 14.) “Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” (Gal. vi. 6, 7.) “Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine. For the Scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The laborer is worthy of his reward.” (1 Tim. v. 17, 18.) “And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you: and to esteem them very highly in love for their

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works' sake. And be at peace among yourselves." (1 Thess. v. 12, 13.) "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account." (Heb. xiii. 17.)

CIVIL GOVERNMENT.—"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be, are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: for he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil." (Rom. xiii. 1-4.)

SUBJECTS OR CITIZENS.—"They say unto him Cesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Cesar the things which are Cesar's, and unto God the things that are God's." (Matt. xxii. 21.) "Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For, for this cause pay you tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due, custom to whom custom, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor." (Rom. xiii. 5, 7.) "I exhort, therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men: for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour." (1 Tim. ii. 1-3.) "Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work."

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(Titus iii. 1.) "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake; whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil doers, and for the praise of them that do well." (1 Peter ii. 13, 14.)

HUSBANDS.—"Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered." (1 Peter iii. 7.)

WIVES.—"Wives, submit yourselves unto your husbands, as unto the Lord." (Ephes. v. 22.) "For after this manner in the old time, the holy women also who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord; whose daughters ye are so long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement." (1 Peter iii. 5, 6.)

PARENTS.—"And ye, fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." (Eph. vi. 4.) "Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged." (Col. iii. 21.)

CHILDREN.—"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother, (which is the first commandment with promise,) that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth." (Eph. vi. 1-3.)

SERVANTS.—"Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart: with good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free." (Eph. vi. 5-8.)

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MASTER AND MISTRESS.—“And ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your master also is in heaven, neither is there respect of persons with him.” (Eph. vi. 9.)

YOUTH.—“Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder: yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.” (1 Peter v. 5, 6.)

WIDOWS.—“Now, she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayer night and day. But she that liveth in pleasure, is dead while she liveth.” (1 Tim. v. 5, 6.)

THE WHOLE CHURCH.—“Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” (Rom. xiii. 9.) “Let prayers be made for all men.” (1 Tim. ii. 1.)

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LORD'S PRAYER.—“Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.”

MORNING PRAYER.—I give thanks unto thee, my Heavenly Father, for guarding me through the night from all harm and danger; and beseech thee to take me this day into thy holy keeping. Vouchsafe to preserve me from every evil, particularly from the great evil and misery of sin; and grant that my life and conduct may be acceptable and pleasing in thy sight. Oh, fill my understanding with useful

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knowledge, and my heart with good dispositions and affections. Shower down thy blessings on my beloved parents, my friends, my instructors, and all my brethren of mankind; for the sake of thy Son, Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER.—O Almighty God, and most merciful Father, to thy tender love I owe my safety through the past day, together with all the comforts of this life, and the hopes of that which is to come. I bless thy holy name for the preservation of my health, for the love of my friends, and for all thy goodness bestowed on me from time to time. Oh, give me a thankful and obedient heart; and pardon all the errors and sins of which I have been guilty. Grant that the good instructions I have received this day may be carefully remembered and practised. Vouchsafe to protect and defend me, and all mankind, from the dangers of this night; for thy infinite love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

GRACE BEFORE MEAT.—Our Father, who art in heaven, bless the provisions of thy bounty now set before us, and feed our souls with the bread of life, for Christ's sake. Amen.

GRACE AFTER MEAT.—We thank thee, Heavenly Parent, that thou hast again supplied our returning wants. Continue, we pray thee, to be our God and keeper, supply the wants of the destitute, and fill the earth with thy glory, for Christ's sake. Amen.

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ALL regularly constituted Lutheran Synods, connected with the General Synod, “receive and hold, with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of our fathers, *the Word of God*, as contained in the Canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as *the only infallible rule of faith and practice*, and *the Augsburg Confession*, as a correct exhibition of the *fundamental doctrines of the Divine word*, and of the faith of our Church founded upon that word.” Constitution of the General Synod, as adopted in 1868 and 1869. See Art. II., Sect. 3.

PART I.

ARTICLE I.—OF GOD.

OUR churches with one accord teach, that the decree of the Council of Nice, concerning the unity of the Divine essence, and concerning the three persons, is true, and ought to be confidently believed, viz: that there is one Divine essence, which is called and is God, eternal, incorporeal, indivisible, infinite in power, wisdom and goodness, the Creator and Preserver of all things visible and invisible: and yet, that there are three persons, who are of the same essence and power, and are coëternal, the Father, the Son, and the Holy

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Spirit. And the term person they use in the same sense in which it is employed by ecclesiastical writers on this subject: to signify, not a part or quality of something else, but that which subsists of itself.

They condemn all heresies, which have sprung up against this article, such as that of the Manichæans, who maintained the existence of two principles, an evil and a good one. Likewise the Valentinians, Arians, Eunomians, Mohammedans, and all such like. They condemn also the earlier and later Samosateans, who, whilst they contend for the existence of only one Person, subtilely and impiously assert of the Word and Holy Spirit, that they are not distinct persons, but that the Word signifies the vocal word, and the Spirit the motion created in things.

ARTICLE II.—OF ORIGINAL SIN.

Our churches likewise teach, that since the fall of Adam, all men who are naturally engendered are born with sin, that is, without the fear of God or confidence towards Him, and with sinful propensities: and that this disease, or original sin, is truly sin, and still condemns and causes eternal death to those who are not born again by baptism and the Holy Spirit.

They condemn the Pelagians and others, who deny that natural depravity is sin, and who, to

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the disparagement of the glory of Christ's merits and benefits, contend that man may be justified before God by the powers of his own reason.

ARTICLE III.—OF THE SON OF GOD AND HIS MEDI- ATORIAL WORK.

They likewise teach, that the Word, that is, the Son of God, assumed human nature, in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary, so that there are two natures, human and divine, inseparably united in unity of person, one Christ, true God and true man, who was born of the Virgin Mary; who truly suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried, that he might reconcile the Father to us, and be a sacrifice not only for original sin, but also for all actual sins of men. The same descended into hell and truly arose again the third day; then ascended to heaven, that he might sit at the right hand of the Father, might reign forever over all creatures, and might sanctify those who believe in him, by sending into their hearts the Holy Spirit, who may govern, console, quicken, and defend them against the devil and the power of sin. The same Christ will return again openly, that he may judge the living and the dead, etc., according to the Apostles' Creed.

ARTICLE IV.—OF JUSTIFICATION.

They in like manner teach, that men cannot be

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justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works; but that they are justified gratuitously for Christ's sake, through faith; when they believe, that they are received into favor, and that their sins are remitted for the sake of Christ, who made satisfaction for our transgressions by his death. This faith God imputes for righteousness before Him. (Rom. iii. and iv.)

ARTICLE V.—OF THE MINISTERIAL OFFICE.

In order that we may obtain this faith, the ministry has been instituted, for teaching the gospel, and administering the sacraments. For through the instrumentality of the word and sacraments, the Holy Spirit is given, who, when and where it pleases God, works faith in those who hear the gospel, namely, that God, for Christ's sake, and not on account of any merit in us, justifies those who believe that they are received into favor for Christ's sake.

They condemn the Anabaptists and others, who suppose that the Holy Spirit is given to men by their own preparations and works, without the external word.

ARTICLE VI.—CONCERNING NEW OBEDIENCE.

They likewise teach, that this faith must bring forth good fruits; and that it is our duty to perform those good works, which God has com-

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manded, because it is his will, and not in the expectation of thereby meriting justification before him. For, remission of sins and justification are secured by faith; as the declaration of Christ testifies: "When ye shall have done all those things, say, we are unprofitable servants."

The same thing is taught by the ancient ecclesiastical writers: for Ambrose says, "This has been ordained by God, that he who believes in Christ shall be saved without works, receiving a remission of sins gratuitously through faith alone."

ARTICLE VII.—OF THE CHURCH.

They likewise teach, that there will always be one holy church. But the church is the congregation of the saints, in which the gospel is correctly taught, and the sacraments are properly administered. And for the true unity of the church, it is sufficient to agree concerning the doctrines of the gospel, and the administration of the sacraments. Nor is it necessary that the same human traditions, that is, rites and ceremonies instituted by men, should be everywhere observed. As Paul says: "One faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all," etc.

ARTICLE VIII.—WHAT THE CHURCH IS.

Although the church is properly a congregation of saints and true believers; yet as, in the present

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life, many hypocrites and wicked men are mingled with them, it is lawful for us also to receive the sacraments, though administered by bad men, agreeably to the declaration of our Saviour, "that the Scribes and Pharisees sit in Moses' seat," etc. And on account of the appointment and command of Christ, both the word and sacraments are efficacious, even when administered by wicked men.

They condemn the Donatists and such like, who denied that it is lawful to make use of the ministry of wicked men in the church, and who thought the ministry of such useless and without efficacy.

ARTICLE IX.—CONCERNING BAPTISM.

Concerning baptism our churches teach, that it is necessary to salvation; that through baptism, the grace of God is offered. And that children are to be baptized, who being by baptism offered to God, are received into His favor.

Therefore we reject the doctrine of the Anabaptists, who reject the baptism of children.

ARTICLE X.—OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

In regard to the Lord's supper, they teach that the body and blood of Christ are truly present, and are dispensed to the communicants in the Lord's supper; and they disapprove those who teach otherwise.

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ARTICLE XI.—OF CONFESSION.

Concerning confession they teach, that private absolution ought to be retained in the churches; although an enumeration of all our offences is not necessary in confession. For this is impossible, according to the declaration of the Psalmist: “Who can understand his errors?” (Ps. xix. 12.)

ARTICLE XII.—OF REPENTANCE.

Concerning repentance they teach, that those who have relapsed into sin after baptism, may at any time obtain pardon, when they repent: and that the church ought to grant [absolution] to such as return to repentance. But repentance properly consists of two parts. The one is contrition, or terror of conscience, on account of known sin. The other is faith, which is obtained from the gospel [or absolution], which believes that pardon for sin is bestowed for Christ’s sake; and comforts the conscience, and frees it from terrors. Such repentance ought to be succeeded by good works as its fruits.

They condemn the Anabaptists, who deny that those who have once been justified can lose the Holy Spirit. In like manner those who contend that some persons attain so high a degree of perfection in this life, that they cannot sin. They reject also the Novatians, who are unwilling to

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absolve such as have backslidden after baptism, even if they repent; as also those who teach that remission of sins is not obtained through faith; but require us to merit grace by our good works.

ARTICLE XIII.—OF THE USE OF THE SACRAMENTS.

Concerning the use of the sacraments our churches teach, that they were instituted not only as marks of a Christian profession amongst men, but rather as signs and evidences of the will of God towards us, for the purpose of exciting and confirming the faith of those who use them. Hence the sacraments ought to be received with faith in the promises which are exhibited and set forth by them.

They therefore condemn those who teach that the sacraments justify (*ex opere operato*), by the mere performance of the act, and who do not teach that faith, which believes our sins to be forgiven, is required in the use of the sacraments.

ARTICLE XIV.—OF CHURCH ORDERS.

Concerning church orders they teach, that no person ought publicly to teach in the church, or to administer the sacraments, without a regular call.

ARTICLE XV.—OF CHURCH RITES.

Concerning church rites they teach, that those rites ought to be observed, which can be attended

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to without sin, and which promote peace and good order in the church, such as certain holy-days, festivals, etc. Concerning such things, however, men are cautioned, lest consciences be burdened, as though such observances were necessary to salvation. They are also admonished that human traditions, instituted with a view to propitiate God, to merit His favor, and make satisfaction for sins, are contrary to the gospel and the doctrine of faith. Wherefore vows and traditions concerning meats, days, etc., instituted to merit grace and make satisfaction for sins, are useless, and contrary to the gospel.

ARTICLE XVI.—OF CIVIL AFFAIRS.

Concerning civil affairs our churches teach, that legitimate civil enactments are good works of God; that it is lawful for Christians to hold civil offices, to pronounce judgment, and decide cases according to the imperial and other existing laws; to inflict just punishment, wage just wars, and serve in them; to make lawful contracts; hold property; to make oath when required by the magistrates, to marry, and be married.

They condemn the Anabaptists, who forbid to Christians the performance of these civil duties. They also condemn those who make evangelical perfection consist not in the fear of God and in faith, but in the abandonment of all civil duties:

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because the gospel teaches the necessity of ceaseless righteousness of heart, whilst it does not abolish the duties of civil and domestic life, but specially requires them to be observed as ordinances of God, and performed in the spirit of Christian love. Hence Christians ought necessarily to yield obedience to their civil officers and laws; unless when they command something sinful; for then they ought to obey God rather than man. (Acts v. 29.)

ARTICLE XVII.—OF CHRIST'S RETURN TO JUDGMENT.

Our churches also teach, that at the end of the world Christ will appear for judgment; that He will raise all the dead; that He will bestow upon the pious and elect eternal life and endless joys, but will condemn wicked men and devils to be punished without end.

They reject the opinions of the Anabaptists, who maintain that the punishment of devils and condemned men will have an end; in like manner they condemn those who circulate the Judaizing notions, that before the resurrection of the dead the righteous will possess the government of the world, and the wicked be everywhere suppressed.

ARTICLE XVIII.—OF FREE WILL.

Concerning free will they teach, that the human will possesses some liberty for the performance of

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civil duties, and for the choice of those things subject to reason. But it does not possess the power, without the influence of the Holy Spirit, of fulfilling the righteousness of God, or spiritual righteousness; for the natural man receiveth not the things which are of the Spirit of God: but this is accomplished in the heart, when the Holy Spirit is received through the word. The same is declared by Augustine in so many words: "We confess that all men have a free will, which possesses the judgment of reason, by which they cannot indeed, without the divine aid, either begin or certainly accomplish what is becoming in things relating to God; but only in works of the present life, as well good as evil. In good works, I say, which arise from our natural goodness, such as to choose to labor in the field, to eat and drink, to choose to have a friend, to have clothing, to build a house, to take a wife, to feed cattle, to learn various and useful arts, or to do any good thing relative to this life; all which things, however, do not exist without the divine government; yea, they exist and begin to be from Him and through Him. And in evil works (men have a free will), such as to choose to worship an idol, to will to commit murder," etc.

They condemn the Pelagians, and others, who teach that we are able, by the mere powers of

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nature, without the aid of the Holy Spirit, to love God above all things, and to do His commands, as to the substance of our actions. For, although nature may be able, after a certain manner, to perform external actions, such as to abstain from theft, from murder, etc., yet it cannot perform the inner motions, such as the fear of God, faith in God, chastity, patience, etc.

ARTICLE XIX.—OF THE CAUSE OF SIN.

Concerning the cause of sin they teach, that although God is the Creator and Preserver of nature, the cause of sin must be sought in the depraved will of the wicked, namely, of the devil and wicked men, which, when destitute of divine aid, turns itself away from God: as Christ says: "When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own." (John viii. 44.)

ARTICLE XX.—OF GOOD WORKS.

Our writers are falsely accused of prohibiting good works. For their writings on the ten commandments, and other similar subjects, show that they have given good instructions concerning all the different situations and duties of life, and taught what kinds of life, in any particular calling, are pleasing to God. Concerning these things preachers formerly taught very little, but urged certain puerile and unnecessary works, such as

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certain holy-days, fasts, brotherhoods, pilgrimages, worship of saints, rosaries, monastic vows, etc. These useless works, our adversaries, having been admonished, now unlearn, and no longer teach as formerly. Moreover, they now begin to make mention of faith, about which formerly there was a marvelous silence observed. They now teach, that we are not justified by works alone, but conjoin faith and works, and maintain that we are justified by faith and works. This doctrine is more tolerable than the former, and can impart more consolation to the mind than their old doctrine. Inasmuch, then, as the doctrine concerning faith, which should be regarded as the principal one in the church, had so long been unknown; as all must confess, that concerning the righteousness of faith the most profound silence reigned in their sermons, and the doctrine concerning works alone was discussed in the churches; our divines have admonished the churches as follows:

First, that our works cannot reconcile God, or merit the remission of sins, and grace, and justification: but this we obtain only by faith, when we believe that we are received into favor, for Christ's sake, who alone is appointed our mediator and propitiatory sacrifice, by whom the Father can be reconciled. He, therefore, who expects to merit

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grace by his works, casts contempt on the merits and grace of Christ, and is seeking the way to God in his own strength, without Christ; though Christ has said of Himself, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." This doctrine concerning faith is incessantly inculcated by the apostle Paul (Ephes. ii.), "Ye are saved by grace, through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; not of works," etc. And lest any one should cavil at our interpretation as new, this whole matter is supported by the testimony of the fathers. For Augustine, in many volumes, defends grace, and the righteousness of faith, against the merit of good works. And Ambrose, on the calling of the Gentiles, etc., inculcates the same doctrine. For thus he says, concerning the calling of the Gentiles: "Redemption by the blood of Christ would be of little value, nor would the honor of human works be subordinated to the mercy of God, if justification, which is of grace, were merited by previous works, so as to be not the gift of him that bestowed it, but the reward of him that earned it." But although this doctrine is despised by the inexperienced, the consciences of the pious and timid find it a source of much consolation, for they cannot attain peace of conscience by any works, but by faith alone, when they confidently believe that, for Christ's sake, they have a reconciled God.

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Thus Paul teaches us (Rom. v.), "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God." This whole doctrine must be referred to the conflict of a terrified, conscience-alarmed sinner, nor can it be otherwise understood. Hence the inexperienced and worldly minded are much mistaken, who vainly imagine that the righteousness of the Christian is nothing else than what in common life and in the language of philosophy is termed morality.

Formerly the consciences of men were harassed by the doctrine of works, nor did they hear any consolation from the gospel. Some conscience drove into deserts, and into monasteries, hoping there to merit the divine favor by a monastic life. Others invented other kinds of works, to merit grace, and make satisfaction for their sins. There was therefore the greatest necessity to teach and set forth anew this doctrine concerning faith in Christ; in order that fearful consciences might find consolation, and know that justification and the remission of sins are obtained by faith in Christ. The people are also now instructed, that the word faith does not signify a mere historical belief, such as wicked men and devils have; but signifies the faith which believes not only the history, but also the effect of the history, namely, the article of the remission of sins, namely, that through

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Christ we have grace, righteousness, and remission of sins.

Now, he who knows that the Father is reconciled to him through Christ, has a true knowledge of God, trusts in His providence, and calls upon His name: in fine, he is not without God, as the Gentiles are. For the devils and wicked men cannot believe this article concerning the remission of sins. But they hate God as an enemy, do not call upon His name nor expect anything good at His hands. Augustine also thus admonishes and teaches the reader, that in the Scriptures this word faith does not signify knowledge, such as the wicked possess, but that confidence or trust by which alarmed sinners are comforted and lifted up. We moreover teach, that it is necessary to perform good works, not because we expect to merit grace by them, but because it is the will of God. Pardon of sins and grace are obtained only by faith. And because the Holy Spirit is received by faith, our hearts are now renovated, and new affections produced, that they are able to bring forth good works. Accordingly Ambrose states, faith is the source of a good will and an upright life. For the powers of man, without the Holy Spirit, are full of sinful affections, and too feeble to perform works that are good in the sight of God. They are moreover under the influence

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of Satan, who urges men to various sins, and impious opinions, and open crimes; as may be seen in the examples of the philosophers who, though they endeavored to lead moral lives, failed to accomplish their design, and were guilty of many notorious crimes. Such is the weakness of man, when he undertakes to govern himself by his own strength without faith and the Holy Spirit.

From all this it is manifest, that our doctrine, instead of being charged with prohibiting good works, ought much rather to be commended for teaching the manner in which truly good works can be performed. For without faith, human nature is incapable of performing the duty either of the first or second table. Without faith, man does not call upon God, nor expect anything from Him, nor bear the cross: but seeks help from men, and reposes on human aid. Hence when faith and confidence in God are wanting, all evil desires and human counsels reign in the heart; wherefore Christ also says, "without me ye can do nothing" (John xv.); and the church sings, Without Thy favor there is nothing good in man.

ARTICLE XXI.—OF THE INVOCATION OF SAINTS.

Concerning the invocation of saints our churches teach, that the saints may be held in remembrance, in order that we may, each in his own

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calling, imitate their faith and good works; as that the emperor may imitate the example of David, in carrying on war to expel the Turks from our country; for each of them is a king. But the Scripture does not teach us to invoke saints or to seek aid from them. For it proposes Christ to us as our only Mediator, Propitiation, High Priest, and Intercessor. On Him we are to call, and He promises that He will hear our prayers, and highly approves of this worship, viz.: that He should be called upon in every affliction (1 John ii.): "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father," etc.

This is about the sum of our doctrines, from which it is evident, that they contain nothing inconsistent with the Scriptures, or with either the Catholic or the Roman church, so far as is known from the (ancient) writers (or Fathers). Under these circumstances, they certainly judge harshly, who would have us regarded as heretics. But the difference of opinion between us relates to certain abuses, which have crept into the churches without any good authority; in regard to which, if we do differ, the bishops ought to treat with lenity and tolerate us, on account of the confession which we have just made. For, even the canons of the church are not so rigid as to require everywhere the same rites; nor have the rites of all the

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churches ever been the same. Nevertheless, the ancient rites of the church we have in general carefully retained. For it is a slanderous charge, that all the ancient ceremonies and institutions are abolished in our churches. But there was a general complaint, that some abuses had crept into the customary rites; and these, because we could not with a good conscience retain them, we have in part corrected.

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INASMUCH as there is nothing contained in the Articles of Faith of our churches inconsistent with the Holy Scriptures or the universal Christian Church, and as we have merely corrected some abuses, a part of which had in the course of time crept into the church, whilst others were forcibly introduced into it; necessity demands that we should give some account of them, and assign the reasons which induced us to admit the alterations, in order that your Imperial Majesty may perceive that nothing was done in this matter in an unchristian or presumptuous manner, but that we were compelled to admit these alterations by the word of God, which is justly to be held in higher regard than any customs of the church.

ARTICLE XXII (I.).—OF COMMUNION IN BOTH KINDS.

In our churches, communion is administered to the laity in both kinds, because this is a manifest command and precept of Christ. (Matt. xxvi. 27.) “Drink ye all of it.” In this passage Christ teaches, in the plainest terms, that they should all drink out of the cup.

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And in order that no one may be able to cavil at these words, and explain them as referring to the clergy alone, Paul informs us that the entire church at Corinth received the sacrament in both kinds. (1 Cor. xi. 26.) And this custom was retained in the church for a long time, as can be proved by history, and the writings of the Fathers. Cyprian frequently mentions the fact that in his day the cup was given to the laity. St. Jerome also says, the priests, who administer the sacrament, dispense the blood of Christ to the people. And Pope Gelasius himself commanded that the sacrament should not be divided (*distinct. 2, de consecrat., cap. comperimus*). There is* no canon extant which commands that one kind alone should be received. Nor can it be ascertained when, or by whom, the custom of receiving bread alone was introduced, although Cardinal Cusanus mentions the time when it was approved. Now it is evident that such a custom introduced contrary to the divine command, and also in opposition to the ancient canons, is wrong. It was therefore improper to coerce and oppress the conscience of those who wished to receive the sacrament agreeably to the appointment of Christ, and compel them to violate the institution of our Lord. And inasmuch as the dividing of the sacrament is contrary to its institution by Christ, the custom of carrying about the host in procession is omitted amongst us.

*This was the case when this Confession was made, but the Council of Trent subsequently enacted one.

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ARTICLE XXIII. (II.)—THE MARRIAGE OF PRIESTS.

There has been general complaint among persons of every rank on account of the scandalous licentiousness and lawless lives of priests; who were guilty of lewdness, and whose excesses had risen to the highest pitch. In order to put an end to such odious conduct, to adultery, and other lewd practices, several of our ministers have entered the matrimonial state. They themselves declare, that in taking the step, they were influenced by the dictates of conscience, and a sacred regard for the holy volume, which expressly informs us, that marriage was appointed of God to prevent licentiousness: as Paul says (1 Cor. vii. 2), "To avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife." Again, "it is better to marry than to burn" (Cor. vii. 9), and according to the declaration of Christ that not all men can receive this word. (Matt. xix. 12.) In this passage Christ Himself, who well knew what was in man, declares that few persons are qualified to live in celibacy; for God created us male and female. (Gen. i. 27.) And experience has abundantly proved how vain is the attempt to alter the nature or meliorate the character of God's creatures by mere human purposes or vows, without a peculiar gift or grace of God. It is notorious that the effort has been prejudicial to purity of morals; and in how many cases it has occasioned distress of mind, and the most terrific apprehensions of conscience, is known by the confessions of numerous individuals. Since, then, the word and law

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of God cannot be altered by human vows or enactments, the priests, for this and other reasons, have entered into the conjugal state.

It is moreover evident from the testimony of history and the writings of the Fathers, that it was customary in former ages for priests and deacons to be married. Hence the injunction of Paul to Timothy (I Tim. iii. 2), "A bishop then must be blameless, *the husband of one wife.*" It is but four hundred years since the clergy in Germany were compelled by force to abandon the matrimonial life, and submit to a vow of celibacy; and so generally and resolutely did they resist this tyranny, that the archbishop of Mayence, who published this new papal edict, was well-nigh losing his life in a commotion excited by the measure. And in so precipitate and arbitrary a manner was that decree executed, that the pope not only prohibited all future marriage of the priests, but even cruelly rent asunder the social ties of those who had long been living in the bonds of lawful wedlock, thus violating alike not only the laws of God and the natural and civil rights of the citizen, but even the canons which the popes themselves made, and the decrees of the most celebrated councils.

It is the deliberate and well-known opinion of many distinguished, pious and judicious men, that this compulsory celibacy and prohibition of matrimony (which God Himself instituted and left optional) has been productive of no good, but is the prolific source of numerous and abominable vices. Yea, even one of the popes; Pius II., himself declared, as history informs us, that though there may be several reasons why the marriage of

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priests should be prohibited, there are many more and weightier ones why it should not. And doubtless this was the deliberate declaration of Pius, who was a sensible and wise man. We would therefore confidentially trust that your Majesty, as a Christian Emperor, will graciously reflect that in these latter days, to which reference is made in the sacred volume, the world has become still more degenerate, and mankind more frail and liable to temptation. It will be well to beware, lest by the prohibition of marriage, licentiousness and vice be promoted in the German States. For on this subject no man can devise better or more salutary laws than those enacted by God, who Himself instituted marriage for the promotion of virtue amongst men. The ancient canons also enjoin that the rigor of human enactments must on some subjects be accommodated to the infirmities of human nature, in order to avoid greater evils.

Such a course would in this case be very necessary and Christian: for what injury could result to the church, from the marriage of the clergy and others who are to serve in the church? Yea, it is probable that the church will be but imperfectly supplied with ministers, should this rigorous prohibition of marriage be continued.

If, therefore, it is evident from the divine word and command, that matrimony is lawful in ministers and ecclesiastics, and history teaches that their practice formerly was conformed to this precept; if it is evident that the vow of celibacy has been productive of the most scandalous and unchristian conduct, of adultery, unheard-of licentiousness, and other abominable crimes prevalent

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among the clergy, as some of the dignitaries at Rome have themselves often confessed and lamented, it is a lamentable thing that the Christian estate of matrimony has not only been forbidden, but in some places speedy punishment been presumptuously inflicted, as though it were a heinous crime!

Matrimony is, moreover, declared a lawful and honorable estate by the laws of your Imperial Majesty, and by the code of every empire in which justice and law prevail. Of late, however, innocent subjects, and especially ministers, are cruelly tormented on account of their marriage. Nor is such conduct a violation of the divine laws alone; it is equally opposed to the canons of the church. The apostle Paul denominates that a doctrine of devils which forbids marriage.* And Christ says,† “The devil is a murderer from the beginning.” For that may well be regarded as a doctrine of devils which forbids marriage and enforces the prohibition by the shedding of blood.

But as no human law can abrogate or change a command of God, neither can any vows produce this effect. Therefore Cyprian admonishes that if any woman do not observe the vow of chastity, it is better for her to be married. In lib. i. epist. ii., he says, “But if they either will not, or cannot preserve chastity, it is better that they marry than that they fall into the fire by their lusts: and let them beware that they do not cause scandal to the brethren and sisters.” And all the canons observe more lenity and justice towards those who

* Tim. iv. 1-3.

† John viii. 44.

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assumed the vow of celibacy in youth, as is generally the case with priests and monks.

ARTICLE XXIV. (III.)—OF THE MASS.

It is unjustly charged against our churches, that they have abolished the Mass. For it is notorious that the Mass is celebrated among us with greater devotion and seriousness than by our opponents. Our people are also instructed repeatedly, and with the utmost diligence, concerning the design and proper mode of receiving the holy sacrament, namely, to comfort alarmed consciences; by which means the people are attracted to the communion and the Mass. We at the same time give instruction against other erroneous doctrines concerning the sacrament. In the public ceremonies of the Mass, also, no other perceptible change has been made than that at several places German hymns are sung along with the Latin in order to instruct and exercise the people; since all ceremonies are chiefly designed to teach the people what it is necessary for them to know concerning Christ.

But as the Mass has heretofore evidently been abused in various ways, so that an annual fair was made, at which masses were bought and sold, and the greater part of them in all churches were performed for money, this abuse has repeatedly been censured by learned and pious men of former times. And since our ministers have preached, and the priests have been reminded of, the fearful threat which should naturally influence ever Christian—that whoever receives the sacrament unworthily is guilty of the body and blood of

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Christ—these money-masses and closet-masses, which were hitherto performed from coercion, for the sake of money and the benefices, have ceased in our churches.

At the same time that monstrous error was condemned which taught that Christ the Lord has made satisfaction by His death *only for natural depravity*, and had instituted the Mass as a sacrifice for all other sins; and thus made the Mass a sacrifice for the living and the dead, thereby to take away sin and reconcile God. Hence, also, arose the controversy, whether a mass performed for a number of persons collectively was as efficacious as a separate mass for each individual. Hence originated the incalculable multitude of masses, by which works men expected to obtain everything they needed from God, and thus faith in Christ and true worship of God were forgotten.

Instruction was therefore given, as recognized by the necessity of the case, that men might understand the proper use of the sacrament. And first, the Scriptures abundantly teach that there is no other sacrifice for original sin, or other sin, than the death of Christ alone; for thus it is written to the Hebrews, ch. ix. 25–28, and x. 10–14, that Christ offered himself once as a sacrifice, and thereby made satisfaction for all sins. It is an unheard of novelty in the church to teach that the death of Christ made satisfaction only for original sin, and not also for all other sins. Hence, it is hoped that every one will understand that this was not condemned unjustly.

Secondly.—St. Paul teaches that we obtain grace before God through faith, and not by works.

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(Rom. iii. 22-28.) In manifest opposition to this is that abuse of the Mass, when men vainly expect to obtain grace by this word. For it is well known that the Mass has been employed in order to remove sin, and to obtain from God grace and all blessings, not only for the priests themselves, but also for the whole world, and for others, both living and dead.

Thirdly.—The holy sacrament was instituted, not as a sacrifice for sin, for the sacrifice had been made before, but in order that our faith may be awakened and consciences comforted: for they are reminded by the sacrament that grace and pardon of sin are promised to them by Christ. Hence the sacrament requires faith, and is used without any benefit by those who are destitute of faith.

Inasmuch, then, as the Mass is not a sacrifice for others, either the living or the dead, to take away their sins, but is to be a communion at which the priests and others receive the sacrament for themselves, our custom is, that on holy days, and also at other times, if communicants are present, we hold Mass, and admit to the communion such as desire it.

We therefore retain the proper use of the Mass, as it was held in former times in the church, as can be proved from St. Paul, 1 Cor. ii., and also from the writings of many fathers. For St. Chrysostom states that the priest stood daily and invited some to communion, and forbade others from approaching. The ancient canons also show that one of the priests performed the Mass and administered the communion to the other priests and deacons; for the canon of Nice uses this language:

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“The deacons shall ordinarily receive the sacrament after the priests from the bishop or priest.”

Inasmuch as no innovations have been attempted upon the customs of the ancient church, and no perceptible change has been made in the public ceremonies of the Mass, except that the other unnecessary masses, perhaps introduced by abuse, beside the parish Mass, have been abolished, this mode of celebrating Mass ought, in justice, not to be condemned as heretical and unchristian. For in former times, also, Mass was not c elebrated every day, even in the large churches, where large assemblies were convened on the days of public meeting; as the Tripartite History, lib. 9, states that in Alexandria, it was customary on Wednesday and Friday to read and expound the Scriptures, and to perform all other parts of religious worship, without the mass.

ARTICLE XXV. (IV.)—OF CONFESSION.

Confession is not abolished by the ministers of our churches. For it is our custom not to administer the sacraments to those who have not previously been confessed and absolved. At the same time the people are diligently instructed how consoling the word of absolution is, and how highly absolution should be valued, as being, not the word or voice of the present (officiating) human being, but the word of that God who pardons sin; for it is pronounced in God’s stead and by His authority. How consoling and necessary this command and the power of the keys are for alarmed consciences is diligently taught, and also that God requires us to believe this absolu-

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tion, just as though His voice resounded from heaven, and to have the joyful assurance that by this faith we obtain pardon. Of these necessary articles ministers formerly said nothing in their instructions on Confession; but they merely tortured the consciences of their hearers with long details of their sins, with making satisfaction, with indulgences, with pilgrimages, etc. And many of our opponents themselves confess, that our instructions and practice concerning true Christian Penitence are better than had been inculcated a long time before.

Accordingly we teach concerning Confession, that no one should be urged to enumerate his individual sins, for this is impossible, as the Psalmist says (Ps. xix. 12): "Who can understand his errors?" And Jeremiah (xvii. 9) says: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked." Poor human nature is therefore so deeply involved in sins that we cannot see or know them all, so that if we were absolved only from those which we can enumerate, we should have but little relief. It is therefore unnecessary to urge the people to enumerate their individual sins. This accords with the teachings of the Fathers, as we learn in the *Distinct*, 1, *de Pœnitentia*, where these words of Chrysostom are adduced: "I do not say that you should publicly expose yourself, nor accuse yourself to another, or confess your guilt, but give heed to the prophet who says, 'Commit thy way unto the Lord.' (Ps. xxxvii. 5.) Therefore confess unto God, the Lord, the faithful Judge, in addition to your prayer. Do not repeat your sins with your

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tongue, but in your heart." Here it is evident that Chrysostom did not exact an enumeration of our sins. Thus also the gloss in *Decretis de Pœnitentia, Distinct. 5*, teaches that *confession is not commanded in Scripture, but has been instituted by the church*. Yet do our preachers diligently teach that Confession should be retained for the sake of the absolution, which is the principal and most valuable thing in it, to bring consolation to alarmed consciences, as well as for several other reasons.

ARTICLE XXVI. (V.)—OF DIVERSITY OF MEATS.

The doctrine was formerly inculcated that the diversity of meats and other human traditions were useful, in order to merit grace and make satisfaction for sin. Hence new fasts, new ceremonies, and new orders were daily invented and strenuously insisted on as necessary parts of worship, the neglect of which was attended with heinous guilt. Thus occasion was given to many scandalous corruptions in the church.

In the first place, the grace of Christ and the doctrine concerning faith are thereby obscured. Yet these doctrines are inculcated in the gospel with great solemnity, the merits of Christ are represented as of the utmost importance, and faith in the Redeemer is placed far above all human merits. Hence the apostle Paul inveighs bitterly against the observance of the Mosaic ritual and human traditions, in order to teach us that we acquire righteousness and grace not by our own works, but by faith in Christ. This doctrine was, however, entirely obscured by the notion

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that grace must be merited by legal observances, fasts, diversities of meats, habits, etc.

Secondly.—Such traditions were calculated to obscure the divine law; for these traditions are elevated far above the word of God. No one was regarded as leading a Christian life who did not observe these holy days, and pray and fast and dress in this peculiar manner, which was termed a spiritual Christian life. Moreover, truly good works were regarded as a worldly matter, such as fulfilling the duties of our calling, the labors of a father to support his family and educate them in the fear of the Lord, that mothers should bear children and take charge of them, that a prince and the government should rule the country, etc. Such works, which God has commanded, were pronounced worldly and imperfect; but these traditions had the credit of being the only holy and perfect works. For these reasons, to the making of such traditions there was no end.

Thirdly.—These traditions became extremely burdensome to the consciences of men. For it was not possible to observe them all, and yet the people were taught to regard them as necessary parts of worship. *Gerson* asserts that many were thus driven to despair, and some put an end to their own existence because they heard of no consolation in the grace of Christ. How much the consciences of men were perplexed on these subjects is evident from the writings of those divines (*summistas*) who undertook to compile these traditions and seek for mitigations of them (*επιεικειας*) to relieve the conscience. So complicated an undertaking did they find it, that in the meantime

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the salutary doctrines of the gospel on more important subjects, such as faith and consolation in affliction, and others of like import, were totally neglected. Accordingly many pious men of those times complained that these traditions served only to excite contention and prevent devout souls from attaining the true knowledge of Christ. Gerson and several others uttered bitter complaints on this subject. And Augustine also complains that the consciences of men ought not to be burdened with these numerous and useless traditions.

Our divines were therefore compelled by necessity, and not by contempt of their spiritual superiors, to correct the erroneous views which had grown out of the misapprehension of these traditions. For the gospel absolutely requires that the doctrine of faith be steadily inculcated in the churches: but this doctrine cannot be rightly understood by those who expect to merit grace by works of their own appointment. We therefore teach that the observance of these human traditions cannot merit grace, or atone for sins, or reconcile us unto God, and ought therefore not to be represented as a necessary part of Christian duty. The proofs of this position are derived from Scripture. Christ excuses * his apostles for not observing the traditions, saying, *In vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.* As he calls this a vain service, it cannot be a necessary one. And again, *Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man.*† Again, Paul says, *The kingdom of God is not meat and*

* Matt. xv. 3, 9.

† Matt. xv. 11.

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drink. Let no man therefore judge you in meat or in drink, etc.† Peter says, Why tempt ye God to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we are able to bear? But we believe that through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved.‡* Here Peter expressly forbids that the consciences of men should be burdened with mere external ceremonies, either those of the Mosaic ritual or others. And Paul calls those prohibitions which forbid meats and to be married, “*doctrines of devils.*” § For it is diametrically contrary to the gospel either to institute or to perform such works with a view to merit pardon of sin, or under the impression that no one can be a Christian who does not observe them.

The charge, however, that we forbid the mortification of our sinful propensities, as Jovian asserts, is groundless. For our writers have always given instruction concerning the cross which it is the duty of Christians to bear. We moreover teach that it is the duty of every one, by fasting and other exercises, to avoid giving any occasion to sin, but not to merit grace by such works. But this watchfulness over our body is to be observed always, not on particular days only. On this subject Christ says, *Take heed to yourselves lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting.* || Again, *The devils are not cast out except by fasting and prayer.* ¶ And Paul says, *I keep under my body and bring it into subjection ;*** by which he wishes to intimate that this bodily discipline is not designed

* Rom. xiv. 17. † Col. ii. 16. ‡ Acts xv. 10.
 ¶ 1 Tim. iv. 1, 3. || Luke xxi. 34. ¶ Matt. xvii. 21.
 ** 1 Cor. ix. 27.

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to merit grace, but to keep the body in a suitable condition for the several duties of our calling. We do not therefore object to fasting itself, but that it is represented as a necessary duty, and that specific days have been fixed for its performance, and that thus the consciences of men become confused.

We also retain many ceremonies and traditions, such as the order (of lessons) in the Mass, and other hymns, festivals, etc., which tend to preserve order in the church. At the same time the people are taught that such external religious services do not render them holy before God, and must be observed without burdening the conscience; in such a manner that if they are omitted without giving offence no sin is committed. The same liberty in external ceremonies the ancient fathers also possessed; for in the East the festival of Easter was celebrated at a different time from that observed at Rome. And as some were disposed to regard this difference as a division in the church, they were admonished by others that uniformity in such customs is not necessary. *Irenæus* says: "Diversity in fasting does not destroy unity of faith." Thus also *Distinctio* 12 affirms concerning such diversity in human ordinances, that they are not inconsistent with the unity of the Christian church; and the *Histor. Tripartita* collects a number of conflicting ecclesiastical customs, and subjoins this useful observation: "The design of the apostles was not to institute holy days, but to inculcate faith and love."

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ARTICLE XXVII. (VI.).—OF MONASTIC VOWS.

In speaking of monasticism, it will be requisite to consider the light in which it has been viewed, the disorders which have occurred in monasteries, and the fact that many things are yet daily done in them contrary both to the word of God and the papal enactments. In the time of St. Augustine the monastic life was optional; subsequently, when the doctrine and the discipline of monasteries were corrupted, vows were invented in order that the evil might be remedied, as it were, by a species of incarceration. In addition to these monastic vows numerous other burdens were invented, by which many persons were oppressed even during their minority. Many adopted this mode of life through ignorance, who, though of riper years, were not fully acquainted with their infirmity. All these, in whatever way they may have been enticed or coerced into these vows, are compelled to remain, although even the papal regulations would liberate many of them. And this has been more oppressive in nunneries than in monasteries, although it would have been becoming to spare the females, as being more delicate. This severity has frequently been censured by many pious persons in former times; for they well knew that both boys and girls were often thrust into these monasteries merely for the purpose of being supported. They saw also the deplorable consequences of this course, what offences and burdening of conscience it caused, and many have complained that the canons have been so grossly disregarded in so dangerous a matter.

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Monastic vows were also represented in a very improper light, so as to be disapproved even by some of the monks themselves. They were represented as equal to baptism, and as a method of deserving pardon and justification before God; yea, as being not only a meritorious righteousness, but also the fulfillment of the commands and counsels of the gospel, and as superior to baptism. They also taught that the monastic life was more meritorious than all the other professions which God appointed, such as that of minister and pastor, rulers, princes, lords, etc., etc., as their own books will prove, and they cannot deny. In short, he that has been enticed into a monastery will learn but little of Christ. Formerly schools were kept in monasteries, in which the Scriptures and other things useful to the Christian church were taught, so that ministers and bishops could be selected from them; but now the case is very different. Formerly they entered monasteries for the purpose of studying the Scriptures; but now they pretend that the monastic life is so meritorious as to deserve the grace of God; yea, that it is a state of perfection far superior to those modes of life which God Himself has commanded. All this we here adduce without any detraction, in order that it may be the better understood what and how we preach and teach.

In the first place, we teach that all who do not feel inclined to a life of celibacy have the power and right to marry. Their vows to the contrary cannot annul the command of God.* “Never-

*1 Cor. vii. 2.

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theless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband." To this course we are urged and compelled both by the divine precepts and the general nature of man, agreeably to the declaration of God Himself: "It is not good for man to be alone, I will make an help-meet for him." *

Now what can be adduced against this? However highly vows and duty may be extolled, they may be dressed up as much as possible, yet the commands of God cannot be abrogated by them. The doctors affirm that vows are not binding which contravene papal laws—how much less can they be obligatory or possess force against the law of God?

If there were no other reasons why the obligation of vows might be annulled the popes would not have granted dispensations from them; for it does not become any man to abolish duties arising from the laws of God. Therefore the popes have wisely considered that in this obligation equity must be observed, and have repeatedly granted dispensations, as in the case of the king of Arragon and many others. Since, therefore, dispensations have been granted for the attainment of temporal objects, how much more reasonable is it to grant them on account of some necessity of the soul?

Again, why do our opponents so strenuously insist on the inviolability of vows, without first inquiring whether the vow is a proper one? For a vow should contemplate possible things, and be

* Gen. ii. 18.

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voluntary and unconstrained. But how perpetual chastity is in the power and ability of man is well understood: and there are few, either males or females, who have made the monastic vow deliberately and of their own accord. They are persuaded to take the vows of monastic life before they have attained their proper senses; and sometimes also they are compelled and urged to it. Therefore it is not just that men should dispute so rashly and severely of the obligation of vows, seeing all concede that it is contrary to the nature and form of a vow, that it should not be made voluntarily, with proper counsel and due deliberation.

Several canons and papal laws annul those vows which were made under fifteen years of age; for they hold that persons under that age have not sufficient understanding to decide upon their entire course of life.

Another canon concedes still more years to human infirmity; for it forbids any one to make the monastic vow under eighteen years of age. By this canon the greater part of the inmates of monastic institutions are excused, and have cause to leave them, for they generally entered them in childhood, prior to that age. Finally, if even the violation of monastic vows might be censured, it would still not follow that their marriages should be dissolved. For Augustine, in his 27 Quæst. 1 cap. Nuptiarum, says such marriages should not be dissolved. And St. Augustine has always been held in high repute in the Christian church, although some have since taught differently.

Although the divine precept concerning mar-

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riage has already absolved many from their monastic vows, our writers assign many other reasons to demonstrate that they are not binding. Every species of worship invented by men, without a divine precept, in order to merit justification and grace, is contrary to God, and against His will and gospel. As Christ himself says, "But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."* Coincident with this is the doctrine of Paul, that we should not seek our righteousness in our own services, invented by men; that true righteousness in the sight of God must be sought in faith, and in our confidence in the mercy of God through Christ, His only Son. But it is notorious that the monks represent their invented righteousness as amply sufficient to merit the pardon of sin and divine grace. But what is this else than to diminish the glory of the merits of Christ, and to deny the righteousness of faith? Hence it follows that these vows were unjust and a false worship, and of course not binding. For a vow to do anything contrary to the divine command, that is, an *oath improper in itself, is not obligatory, as even the canons declare; for an oath cannot bind us to sin.*

St. Paul says to the Galatians,† "Christ is become of no effect into you, whosoever are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace." Those, therefore, who would be justified by their vows, have abandoned the graae of God through Christ: for they rob Christ of His glory, who alone can justify us, and transfer this glory to their vows and monastic life.

* Matt. xv. 9.

† Gal. v. 4.

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It cannot be denied that the monks taught and preached that they are justified and merit pardon of sin by their vows and monastic life; yea, they have invented and affirmed things still more unbecoming, namely, that they can communicate their good works to others. Now, if any one desired to urge this matter with rigor, and dress up all these charges against them, how many things could he not collect, of which the monks themselves would now be ashamed, and which they would gladly deny? Above all this, they have persuaded the people that these spurious religious orders constitute Christian perfection. This is certainly to glory in works that we may be justified by them. Nor is this a small offence in the Christian church, to inculcate on the people such a system of worship, invented by man and unauthorized by the law of God, and to teach them that such worship makes men pious and just before God. For the righteousness of faith, which should be most insisted on in the church, thus becomes obscured when the people are made to stare at this rare angelic spirituality, and false pretence of poverty, humility and chastity.

It is, moreover, a corruption of the divine law and of true worship to hold up the monastic life to the people as the only perfect one. For Christian perfection consists in this, that we love and fear God with all our heart, and yet combine with it sincere reliance and faith in Him through Christ; that it is our privilege and duty to supplicate the throne of grace for such things as we need in all our trials and in our respective callings, and to give diligence in the performance of good

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works. It is in this that true perfection consists, and the true worship of God, but not in begging, or in a black or white hood.

But the common people are led into many injurious opinions by the false commendation of monastic life. When they hear a life of celibacy applauded without measure, it follows that their conscience is oppressed in their married state; for when the common people hear that the mendicants alone are to be regarded as perfect, they cannot feel assured that they are not guilty of sin, in holding worldly possessions and pursuing a worldly calling. When the people hear that it is merely a counsel not to take revenge, the consequence is, that some imagine they can take revenge in private life without sin. Some suppose that revenge is entirely unbecoming in a Christian, even in a Christian government. And we read of many examples of persons who have forsaken their wives and children, and also the duties of civil government, and confined themselves in monasteries. They regarded this as fleeing from the world, and seeking such a life as is more pleasing to God than any other. They could not understand that it is our duty to serve God according to those commands which He has given, and not those invented by men. But that is certainly a good and perfect state of life which is sanctioned by the law of God, whilst that is a dangerous condition or mode of life which is unauthorized by the divine law.

It was necessary to give good instructions to the people on such subjects. Gerson also, in former times, censured the error of the monks in

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regard to perfection, and shows that in his day it was a novelty to assert that the monastic life is a state of perfection. So numerous are the ungodly opinions and errors which adhere to monastic vows, that they justify the sinner and make him pious before God, that constitute Christian perfection; that in taking them we obey both the counsels and precepts of the gospel; that they have works of supererogation which man does not owe to God.

Now, as all this is false, groundless and fictitious, it follows that monastic vows are void, and not binding.

ARTICLE XXVIII. (VII.)—OF THE POWER OF THE BISHOPS OR CLERGY.

Much has been written on this subject in former times, and an unnatural commixture of civil and ecclesiastical power has been effected. Extensive wars and rebellions have thus been produced by the pontiffs, who, under pretence of authority from Christ, have not only invented new methods of worship, and thus under penalty of excommunication oppressed the consciences of men, but even presumed to dethrone kings and emperors at pleasure, and to place others in their stead! This presumption has in former times often been censured by learned and pious men. Hence we have been compelled to point out the lines of distinction between civil and ecclesiastical power; and have inculcated the duty of paying due respect to each as two of the highest gifts of God upon earth. Accordingly we teach, that the power of the keys

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or of the bishops, according to the gospel, consists in a divine command and commission to preach the gospel, to remit and retain sins, and to administer the sacraments. For Christ sent forth his disciples with the command, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you—receive ye the Holy Ghost; whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained." * But this power of the keys or clergy is exercised entirely by the doctrine and preaching of God's word and the administration of the sacraments to few or many, according to our calling. For thereby are conferred not temporal, but eternal blessings, such as everlasting righteousness, the Holy Spirit, and eternal life. These blessings cannot be obtained in any other way than through the ministry of the word and the sacraments. For the apostle Paul says, "The gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Inasmuch, then as the power of the church or of the clergy, confers only spiritual gifts, and is exerted through the preaching of the gospel, it cannot interfere with the civil government. For the latter relates to matters entirely different, and protects not the souls of men, but their bodies, against eternal violence, by the sword and bodily penalties.

The civil and ecclesiastical governments ought, therefore, not to be united. The church is commanded to preach the gospel and administer the sacraments; and ought, therefore, *not to interfere with the powers of the civil government by dethroning or making kings,*

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by absolving subjects from allegiance to the civil government, nor enact laws on subjects belonging to civil legislation. Christ himself has taught us, "My kingdom is not of this world;" * and, "Who hath made me a judge over you?" † And Paul to the Philippians ‡ says, "Our citizenship (thus has Luther correctly rendered πολιτευμα, *bürgerschaft*, and not conversation, as in our English version) is in heaven." And again, "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds; casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God. §

This, according to our view, is the difference between the civil and ecclesiastical power; and both are to be regarded and respected as the greatest gifts of God on earth. If ministers have any civil office at all, they derive it from their political government, as the gift of emperors and kings, and it has nothing to do with their office as ministers of the gospel. The bishop's (i. e., minister's) office, according to divine right, is, therefore, to preach the gospel, to remit sins, to judge of doctrine, and reject such doctrines as are contrary to the gospel, to exclude open transgressors from the Christian church, without employing any human power, but simply by the word of God. It is the duty of the church to give heed to the bishops, according to the declaration of Christ, "He that heareth you, heareth me." || But if they teach or appoint anything contrary to the gospel, we are commanded by God Himself not

* John xviii. 36. † Luke xii. 14. ‡ Phil. iii. 20.

§ 2 Cor. x. 4, 5. || Luke x. 16.

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to obey them: "Beware of false prophets."* And Paul says, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed."† And to the Corinthians ‡ he says, "For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth." Also (v. 10), "According to the power which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction." The ecclesiastical law also commands the same thing in 2 Quest. 7, in Cap. Sacerdotes, and in Cap. Oves. St. Augustine says, in his Epistle against Petilian, "Nor is it our duty to obey those bishops who have been duly elected, if they err, or teach or command anything contrary to the word of God."

The other powers and jurisdiction of the bishops (or clergy) in several matters, such as marriage and tithes, they derive from human governments. But if the ecclesiastical judges are negligent in their office, it is the duty of the princes to adjudge justice to their subjects, whether they do it reluctantly or not, for the sake of preventing discord and dissatisfaction in the country.

Farther, it is disputed whether bishops also have power to prescribe ceremonies in the church, such as ordinances concerning meats, holy-days, and different grades of ecclesiastical officers. Those who ascribe this power to the bishops, appeal to the declaration of Christ (John xvi. 12). "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all

* Matt. vii. 15.

† Gal. i. 8.

‡ 2 Cor. xiii. 3.

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truth." They also adduce the example (of the Apostles) in Acts xv. 20, where they prohibited the use of blood and things strangled. In addition to this, they allege that the Sabbath was changed into Sunday (the Lord's day) contrary to the decalogue, as they consider it; and no example is urged and referred to so frequently as the change of the Sabbath, by which they wish to establish the point that the power of the church is great, as she dispensed with the decalogue, and made a change in it.

But on this question we teach that the bishops have no power to determine and appoint anything contrary to the gospel, as is above proved, and as the ecclesiastical code inculcates throughout the whole of the *9th Distinction*. Now it is manifestly contrary to the word of God, to make or enjoin laws with the view of thereby making satisfaction for sin and obtaining grace; for the honor of the Saviour's merits is tarnished when we presume to merit grace by such human appointments. It is also notorious that this opinion in the Christian church has given rise to numberless human traditions, whilst the doctrine concerning faith and the righteousness of faith was entirely suppressed. Every day new holy-days and new fasts were prescribed, new ceremonies and new honors to the saints were appointed, in order, by these works, to merit grace and every blessing of God. Again, those who set up human traditions also violate the law of God when they attribute sin to meats, to particular days, and other similar things; thus burdening Christians with the *servitude of the law*, as though they were bound, in order to merit the

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grace of God, to practise a mode of worship similar to the Levitical service; which worship, they allege, God commanded the apostles and bishops to establish. Thus some writers contend, and it is quite credible, that some bishops (Latin copy, *popes*) were deceived by the example of the Mosaic law. Hence originated the numberless traditions, that it is a mortal sin to do any work on holy-days, even if done without any offence to others; that it is a mortal sin to omit the canonical hours; that some kinds of food pollute the conscience; that fasting is such a work as will reconcile God; that sin in a reserved case cannot be pardoned, unless the consent of the reserver be first sought, whereas the ecclesiastical code speaks not of the reservation of the guilt, but of the penalty imposed by the church.

For whence have the bishops the authority and power to impose such injunctions upon Christians—to ensnare the consciences of men? St. Peter forbids the imposition of a yoke upon the neck of the disciples (Acts xv. 10); and St. Paul says to the Corinthians (2 Cor. xiii. 10) that “power was given to him unto edification, and not to destruction.” Why, then, do they multiply sins by such traditions? But we have clear passages of the sacred Scriptures which forbid the appointment of such traditions, as means to merit the grace of God, or as necessary to salvation. Thus St. Paul to the Colossians (ii. 16) says, “Let no man, therefore, judge you in meat or in drink, or in respect of a holy day, or of a new moon, or of the Sabbath days, which are a shadow of things to come, but the body is of Christ.” Wherefore, if ye be dead

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with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances?" "Which say, Touch not this, neither eat nor drink this, handle not that, which all perish in the using, and are commandments and doctrines of men, which have a show of truth." In like manner, Paul to Titus (i. 14) publicly forbids that they should "give heed to Jewish parables and commandments of men that turn from the truth."

Thus Christ, also, Himself, speaking of those who urge the people to the observance of human ordinances (Matt. xv. 14) says, "Let them alone, they are blind leaders of the blind." He rejects such worship and declares, "Every plant which my heavenly Father hath not planted shall be rooted up." But if bishops had the power to burden the churches with innumerable traditions, and to ensnare the conscience, why do the Scriptures so often forbid the making of human traditions, or paying any regard to them? Why do they term them doctrines of devils? Would the Holy Spirit have uttered all these admonitions in vain?

Therefore, since such ordinances which have been appointed, and been represented as necessary to appease God and merit grace, are opposed to the gospel, it is utterly unbecoming in the bishops to enforce such worship. For it is necessary to preserve the doctrine of Christian liberty in the Christian church, namely, that the servitude of the law is not necessary to justification; as St. Paul writes to the Galatians (v. 1), "Stand fast, therefore, in the liberty wherewith Christ has

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made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." For it must always be retained as the cardinal article of the gospel, that we obtain the grace of God by faith in Christ, without any merit of our own, and do not merit it by any works appointed by men.

And what are we to believe concerning *Sunday* (the Lord's day) and other similar ordinances and ceremonies of the church? To this inquiry we reply, the bishops and clergy may make regulations, that order may be observed in the church, not with the view of thereby obtaining the grace of God, not in order thus to make satisfaction for sins, nor to bind the conscience, to hold and regard this as a necessary worship of God, or to believe that they would commit sin if they violated these regulations without offence to others. Thus St. Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor. xi. 5) has ordained that women should have their heads covered in the congregation; also, that the ministers should not all speak at the same time in the congregation, but in an orderly manner, one after another.

It is becoming in a Christian congregation to observe such order, for the sake of love and peace, and to obey the bishops and clergy in these cases, and to observe these regulations so far as not to give offence to one another, so that there may be no disorder or unbecoming conduct in the church. Nevertheless, the consciences of men must not be oppressed, by representing these things as necessary to salvation, or teaching that they are guilty of sin if they break these regulations without offence to others; for no one affirms that a woman

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commits sin who goes out with her head uncovered, without giving offence to the people. Such also is the ordinance concerning Sunday, Easter, Whitsunday, and similar festival and customs. *For those who suppose that the ordinance concerning Sunday instead of Sabbath is enacted as necessary are greatly mistaken.* For the Holy Scripture has abolished the Sabbath, and teaches that all the ceremonies of the old law may be omitted, since the publication of the gospel. And yet, as it was necessary to appoint a certain day, in order that the people might know when they should assemble, the *Christian church* has appointed Sunday (the Lord's day) for this purpose, and to this change she was the more inclined and willing, that the people might have an example of Christian liberty, and might know that the observance of *neither the Sabbath nor any other day is necessary.* There have been numerous erroneous disputations published concerning the change of the law, the ceremonies of the New Testament, and the change of the Sabbath, which have all sprung from the false and erroneous opinion that Christians must have such a mode of divine worship as is conformed to the Levitical or Jewish service, and that Christ enjoined it on the apostles and bishops to invent new ceremonies which should be necessary to salvation. The same errors have intertwined themselves with the Christian church, when the doctrine concerning the righteousness of faith was not taught and preached in its purity. Some argue that Sunday ought to be kept, although not on the ground of divine obligation, and prescribe what kind and how much labor may be

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performed on holy days. But what else are such disputations than snares of conscience? For although they undertake to mitigate human traditions and give them a modified explanation, yet no mitigation (*επιεικεία*) can be adopted as long as the belief of their necessity is entertained. And this belief must continue as long as the doctrine concerning the righteousness of faith and of Christian liberty is unknown. The apostles have commanded that men should abstain from blood and from things strangled. But who at present observes their injunction? And yet those are not guilty of sin who do not observe it, for the apostles themselves did not wish to burden the consciences of men with such servitude, but prohibited those things for a season to avoid giving offence. For in explaining his ordinance, we must have regard to the cardinal article of Christian doctrine which is not abrogated by it.

Scarcely any of the old canons are observed according to their literal import, and many of these traditions are daily neglected, even by those who are most diligent in such observances. Nor can any relief be afforded to the conscience of men unless we adopt this principle of mitigation, namely, that we must understand how to observe those traditions in such a manner as not to regard them as necessary, or to suppose that conscience is violated even if their observance is neglected. And the bishops would readily be obeyed if they did not insist upon exacting obedience to those traditions which cannot be observed without sin. At present they prohibit the holy sacrament in both kinds, and the marriage of the clergy, and

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will receive no one until he has taken an oath not to preach these doctrines, which are nevertheless undoubtedly accordant with the gospel.

Our churches do not desire that the bishops should make peace and restore harmony to the detriment of their honor and dignity; although, in a case of necessity, it would be proper for them even to do this. They merely request that bishops should remove certain unjust burdens, which formerly did not exist in the church, which were adopted contrary to the usage of the universal church, and which, although at first there may have been some reason for their adoption, are not suited to our times. Nor can it be denied that several traditions were adopted through ignorance. The bishops ought therefore to have the goodness to mitigate these ordinances to preserve the unity of the church; since such a change would do no injury, and many ordinances appointed by men were of their own accord abandoned, in the course of time, as unnecessary, as the Papal code itself shows. But if they cannot grant our request, and mitigate or abolish such human ordinances which cannot be observed without sin, we are bound to follow the direction of the apostles, which *commands us to 'obey God rather than men.'*

St. Peter forbids the bishops to exercise lordship, as though they possessed the power to compel the church to do as they pleased. But the object at which we aim is not to take from the bishops their power, but we desire and entreat them not to coerce the conscience to sin. But if they fail to do this, and despise this petition, then let them remember that they must answer to God

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for having, by their severity, caused division and schism in the church, which it was certainly their duty to prevent.

CONCLUSION.

The foregoing are the principal subjects of dispute between us. It were, indeed, easy to enumerate many other abuses and errors, but for the sake of brevity we have omitted them. Much complaint, for example, has existed concerning indulgences, pilgrimages, and the abuse of excommunication. The clergy have also had endless disputes with the monks about confession, burials, funeral discourses, and numberless other subjects. All these we have omitted for the sake of moderation, in order that the most important points in this matter may the more easily be understood. Nor should it be supposed that anything has been spoken or adduced out of hatred or severity toward any one; but we have enumerated only those points which we regarded it necessary to adduce and mention, in order that it might the more easily be seen that we have adopted nothing, either in regard to doctrine or ceremonies, that is opposed to the Holy Scriptures or to the universal Christian church. For, not to indulge in boastings, it is notoriously and publicly known that we have labored with all diligence to prevent any new or impious doctrine from insinuating itself into our churches, or from spreading and prevailing in them.

The above-enumerated articles we have desired to present, in accordance with the (imperial) Citation, as an exhibition of our Confession and of

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our doctrine. If any one should find defects in it, we hold ourselves ready to furnish him with additional information, on the ground of the divine and Holy Scriptures.

Signed,

JOHN, the Elector of Saxony,
GEORGE, Earl of Brandenburg,
ERNEST, Duke of Luneberg,
PHILIP, Landgrave of Hesse,
JOHN FREDERICK, Duke of Saxony,
FRANCIS, Duke of Luneberg,
WOLFGANG, Prince of Anhalt,
THE SENATE AND MAGISTRACY of Nuremberg,
THE SENATE of Reutlingen.

The following preamble and resolutions in reference to alleged errors in the Augsburg Confession were presented and adopted:

Whereas, The General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States has recognized the Augsburg Confession, both in the Constitution of the Theological Seminary and in the Constitution recommended to District Synods, as well as in her Liturgy: And

Whereas, Our churches have been agitated by the imputation of grave and dangerous errors in this Confession, so that amid conflicting statements many who are sincerely desirous of knowing the truth are distracted, knowing not what to believe, whereby the danger of internal conflict and schism is greatly increased: And

Whereas, The General Synod, according to its Constitution, "shall apply all their powers, their

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prayers and their means towards the prevention of schism among us," we, therefore, in Synod assembled, in the presence of the Searcher of hearts, desire to declare to our churches and before the world our judgment in regard to the imputation of these errors and the alienation among brethren which may arise from them: Therefore,

Resolved, That while this Synod, resting on the word of God as the sole authority in matters of faith on its infallible warrant, rejects the Romish doctrine of the real presence or Transubstantiation, and with it the doctrine of Consubstantiation; rejects the Romish mass, and all the ceremonies distinctive of the mass; denies any power in the sacraments, as an *opus operatum*, or that the blessings of Baptism and the Lord's Supper can be received without faith; rejects auricular confession and priestly absolution; holds that there is no priesthood on earth, but that of all believers, and that God only can forgive sins; and maintains the divine obligation of the Sabbath. And while we would, with our whole heart, reject any part of any Confession which taught doctrines in conflict with this, our testimony, nevertheless, before God and His Church, we declare that in our judgment the Augsburg Confession, properly interpreted, is in perfect consistence with this our testimony and with the Holy Scriptures as regards the errors specified.—*Minutes of the General Synod, York, Pa., May, 1864.*

FORMULA

FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND DISCIPLINE OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

(REVISED IN 1888.)

CHAPTER I.

PRELIMINARY PRINCIPLES.

SECTION 1. We believe that from an examination of the works of nature and the course of events, we may derive evidence of the existence of God and the prominent truths of natural religion.*

SEC. 2. But that the evidence of natural religion is not such as to afford us a satisfactory knowledge of the nature of God and our relation to him; nor its influence sufficient to urge us to duty;† and that, therefore, a farther revelation from God is necessary.

SEC. 3. We believe that such a revelation God has given, at sundry times and in divers manners, unto the fathers, and in later days by his *Divine Son* Jesus Christ, and his inspired servants;‡ that

* Rom. i. 20. † Acts iv. 12; Rom. iii. 1, 2. ‡ Heb. i. 1, 2.

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this revelation is contained in the books known in Protestant Christendom as the Old* and New Testaments, and that every individual is bound to receive this as his infallible rule of faith and practice, and to be governed by it.†

SEC. 4. We hold that liberty of conscience and the free exercise of private judgment in matters of religion, are natural and inalienable rights of men, of which no government, civil or ecclesiastical, can deprive us.‡

SEC. 5. As order is necessary to the prosperity of every associate body, and as Jesus Christ has left no entire, specific form of Government and Discipline for His Church, it is the duty of every individual church to adopt such regulations as appear to them most consistent with the spirit and precepts of the New Testament, and best calculated to subserve the interests of the Church of Christ.

SEC. 6. And as men exercising the right of private judgment agree in the opinion that Christianity requires a social connection among its professors; and as experience proves that men will differ in some of their views of doctrine and discipline; and as too much difference of opinion would be prejudicial to the objects of such an association, therefore reason dictates that those holding similar views of faith and practice should associate together; that it is their duty to require for admission to church membership among them, or for induction into the sacred office, and for

* 2 Tim. iii. 16.

† John v. 39; Acts xv. 11; John xiv. 16, 17.

‡ Rom. ii. 13, 15, and others; Dan. vi. 1, 23; Acts iv. 19.

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continuance in either, such terms as they deem most accordant with the precepts and spirit of the Bible.

SEC. 7. Upon the broad basis of these principles was the Evangelical Lutheran Church founded, immediately after the Reformation. Adhering to the same principles, the Church in America is governed by *three Judicatories*: the *Council* of each individual church; the *District Synods*, consisting of the clergy and lay delegates from a particular district of country, and one *GENERAD SYNOD*, formed by representatives from all the different Synods of the Lutheran Church, receiving and holding the word of God as contained in the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the only infallible rule of faith and practice, and the Augsburg Confession as a correct exhibition of the fundamental doctrines of the divine word, and of the faith of our Church founded upon that word.

CHAPTER II.

OF THE CHURCH.

PART I.—OF THE INVISIBLE CHURCH.

SECTION 1. The true or invisible Church of Christ is the collective body of all* those of every religious denomination in the world, who are in a state of grace.†

SEC. 2. The true Church of Christ is a spiritual ‡ society, consisting of members whose qualifica-

* Eph. iv. 1, 7. † Matt. vii. 21; xii. 50; Acts x. 35.

‡ John xviii. 36.

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tions* are spiritual, and who are associated for spiritual purposes.†

SEC. 3. It is a catholic or universal‡ society; its members not being confined to any particular nation or religious denomination.

PART II.—OF THE EXTERNAL OR VISIBLE CHURCH.

SECTION 1. The visible Church is the collective body of those who profess the Christian religion; consisting of all those who have been admitted to membership by baptism,§ and have not been deprived of it by excommunication.

SEC. 2. Of this Church our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is the true and only head;|| having neither abandoned his Church nor appointed any vicar in his stead.

SEC. 3. As the spirit of Christianity leads its possessors to social intercourse¶ with each other, and as such fellowship is essential to the accomplishment of the object of the Christian church; therefore, believers, living near together, have from the time of the apostles** formed themselves into Christian congregations.

SEC. 4. It is the duty of every such church to have the word and sacraments administered in their purity;†† to give an adequate and just support to the pastor or pastors who minister unto them; to provide for the perpetuation of a faithful

* John iv. 13. † Eph. iv. 12; 1 Thess. v. 11.

‡ 1 Cor. i. 2; John x. 16; Rom. xii. 4; Eph. iv. 4, 6.

§ Matt. xxviii. 19. || Eph. v. 23, 24; Eph. i. 22.

¶ John xiii. 34, 35; Eph. iv. 3; v. 19.

** Acts. ii. 41; 1 Thess. ii. 14; Gal. i. 22.

†† 1 Tim. iv. 6; vi. 3, 5; Gal. i. 8, 9.

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ministry able to teach,* and to endeavor to propagate the gospel to the ends of the earth.†

SEC. 5. It is the duty of the Church to watch over the purity and faithfulness of her members.‡

SEC. 6. The jurisdiction of the Church is purely spiritual; it ought to have no connection with the civil government,§ neither ought its decisions be enforced by the arm of civil power.

SEC. 7. The power of the Church is purely *declarative*, whether exercised by an individual church council, or by any other ecclesiastical judicatory; i. e., the *Bible* is their juridical code, and their decisions are valid, only because founded on Scripture.

SEC. 8. The visible church is not an association to which we may belong or not at our option, but it is the duty of every one who has an opportunity to be a faithful member of it.||

CHAPTER III.

OF THE OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

OF PASTORS.

SECTION 1. Our Lord and Saviour himself instituted the clerical office in the New Testament Church, and made it of perpetual standing.¶

* Tit. i. 5; 2 Tim. ii. 2.

† Matt. xxviii. 19, 20.

‡ 1 Cor. v. 7, 13.

§ John xviii. 26.

|| Matt. xxviii. 19; xi. 28, 29.

¶ Matt. xxviii. 19, 20; 2 Tim. ii. 2; Tit. i. 5.

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The persons filling this office are in Scripture designated by different names, as bishop, presbyter or elder, etc.,* indicative of the duties of the office. All these are by divine right of equal rank,† and their duties are principally these: *to expound the word of God, to conduct the public worship of God,‡ to administer the sacraments, to participate in the government of the church,§ and to admonish men of their duties,||* as well as by all proper means, public and private, to edify the Church of Christ.

SEC. 2. Those other officers who were endowed with miraculous gifts, and whose instrumentality Christ used in first forming the church, were extraordinary and of temporary standing.

SEC. 3. Pastors are amenable for their conduct to the Synod to which they belong; and that Synod is the tribunal which has the entire jurisdiction over them; excepting in those cases where a regular appeal is obtained to the General Synod, agreeably to Article IV., Section 8, of the Constitution of the General Synod.

SEC. 4. No minister shall knowingly grant to a member of another congregation any privileges of the church, which would be denied to said member by his own pastor.

SEC. 5. It is the sacred duty of every minister so to conduct himself, that his life shall present to his congregation an example of true Christian pro-

* 2 Cor. iv. 1; Eph. ix. 11.

† Luke xxii. 25. 26; Acts xv. 17, compared with 28.

‡ Eph. iv. 11, 12; Acts viii. 23, 31; 1 Pet. v. 1, 2.

§ Matt. xxviii. 19; 1 Cor. xi. 23; iv. 1.

|| Acts vi. 2, 6.

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priety of deportment: And should any minister of our church be guilty of an open vice (which may God in mercy prevent!), it shall be the duty of the Church Council earnestly to exhort him several times to reformation; and if this should prove ineffectual, or if the case be such as to bring disgrace upon the church, to report him to the President of the Synod.

OF ELDERS AND DEACONS.

SECTION 6. The other officers of the church are Elders and Deacons, who are elected by the members of the church as their agents to perform some of the duties originally devolving on themselves. The principal duties of Elders are to aid the pastor or pastors in administering the government and discipline of the church; to endeavor to preserve peace and harmony among its members; to visit the Sabbath and other congregational schools, and promote the religious education of the children of the church; to visit the sick and afflicted, and aid in the performance of such other duties as are incumbent on the Church Council.

The duties of the Deacons' office are principally these: To lead an exemplary life, as commanded in the Scriptures;* to minister unto the poor,† extending to their wants and distributing faithfully amongst them the collections which may be made for their use; to assist the pastor in the administration of the Eucharist; to attend and render all necessary service at stated worship; to see that their minister receives a just and adequate sup-

* 1 Tim. viii. 13, and others.

† Acts vi. 2, 6.

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port, according to the commands of our Lord; to administer the temporal concerns of the church, and to aid in the performance of such other duties as are incumbent on the Church Council. Both these officers are elected by the members of the church, and it is their duty to feel the deepest interest in the advancement of piety among them, and to exert their utmost influence to promote it.

SEC. 7. The Elders and Deacons are the representatives of the whole church, and each church shall determine the number of their officers and the term of their duration in office; yet in no case shall they serve less than two years nor more than eight, unless re-elected. And when elected they shall be inducted into their respective offices, according to the form prescribed by the church.*

SEC. 8. When the corporate powers of the church are vested in the Church Council, trustees are unnecessary. Those congregations, however, which have been in the habit of having Trustees, may, if they deem it expedient, still retain them, and continue to them such privileges as they may deem expedient.

CHAPTER IV.

OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL.

SECTION 1. The Church Council is the lowest judicatory of the church, consisting of the pastor, or pastors, and all the elders and deacons of a particular church.

* Vide "Liturgy," etc.

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SEC. 2. The pastor, together with half the other existing members of the Church Council, and, in the necessary absence of the pastor, two-thirds of the remaining members of the Council, shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 3. But no business connected with the government or discipline of the church shall be transacted without the presence of the minister, unless his absence is unavoidable or voluntary, or the church be vacant. And when present, the pastor shall be *ex-officio* chairman.

SEC. 4. The Church Council* shall have the superintendence of all the temporal concerns of the church, and shall see that they are administered with wisdom, faithfulness and justice. They shall also elect from the members of the Council or the congregation a deputy to represent them at the annual synodical meeting.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Council to admit to membership adults who shall make application, and whom, on mature examination, they shall judge to be possessed of the qualifications hereafter specified.† They shall be obedient subjects of divine grace—that is, they must satisfy the Church Council that they have sincerely repented of their sins, and truly believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Also, to admit to the communion of the church all those who were admitted to church membership in their infancy, and whom, on like examination, they shall judge possessed of the above mentioned qualifications.

*Thess. v. 12, 13.

† Mark xvi. 16; John iii. 5; Acts viii. 15; xvi. 14, 15.

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No one shall be considered a fit subject for confirmation who has not previously attended a course of religious lectures delivered by the pastor, on the most important doctrines and principles of religion, unless the pastor should be satisfied that the applicant's attainments are adequate without this attendance. And when adults are admitted to membership, their baptism shall, if possible, be performed publicly before the church; and when members who were baptized in their infancy are admitted to full communion, they shall in the same public manner *confirm* their baptismal vows according to the form of confirmation customary in the church.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the pastor, or the Church Council, to keep a complete list of all the communing members, the record of which shall be the property of the church.

SEC. 7. If any member of the Church Council shall conduct himself in a manner unworthy of his office, he may be accused before the Council, and if found guilty, his case shall be referred to the whole church for decision.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the Council to administer the discipline of the church on all those whose conduct is inconsistent with their Christian profession, or who entertain fundamental errors.* To this end they shall have power to cite any of their church members to appear before them, and to endeavor to obtain other witnesses, when the case may require it. It shall further be the duty of the Council, when any

* 1 Cor. v. 7, 13.

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member offends, first privately to admonish him, or, if necessary, to call him to an account; and if these measures prove ineffectual, to suspend or excommunicate him, that is, to debar him from the privileges peculiar to church membership, according to the precepts of the New Testament laid down in this formula. It shall also be their duty to restore* those subjects of suspension or excommunication, to all the privileges of the church, who shall manifest sincere repentance. Every act of excommunication or restoration may be published to the church, if deemed necessary by the majority of the Council.

SEC. 9. The Church Council may at any time be convened by the minister; and it shall be his duty to call a meeting when requested by two members of the Council, or by one-fourth of the electors of the church, or when directed by the Synod.

SEC. 10. It shall be the duty of the Church Council to watch over the religious education of the children of the church, and to see that they be occasionally collected, for the purpose of being taught the Catechism of the church, and instructed in the duties and principles of the Christian religion.

SEC. 11. The Church Council shall keep a record of their proceedings, of all the baptisms, and of persons admitted to sacramental communion; an abstract of which shall be annually sent to the Synod for inspection.

SEC. 12. In all cases of appeal from the decis-

*2 Cor. ii. 7; Gal. vi. 1.

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ions of the Church Council, the Council shall take no further measures grounded on their decision until the sentence has been reviewed by the Synod. But if the decision appealed from be a sentence of suspension or excommunication, it shall immediately take effect and continue in force until reversed by the Synod. And in every case of appeal, the Church Council shall send a detailed and correct account of the proceedings in the case, and of the charges and evidence on both sides.

SEC. 13. Any vacant pastoral district may also send a delegate to the Synod as their representative.

CHAPTER V.

OF CHURCH MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. The members of any particular church are all those members of the *visible* (see Chap. 2, Sec. 1) church, who are associated together under some form of Christian government and discipline, for divine worship, and the better attainment of the objects for which the Church of Christ was instituted.

SEC. 2. Every church-member is amenable to the Council, and must appear before them when cited, and submit to the discipline of the church regularly administered.*

SEC. 3. It is the duty of every church-member to lead a Christian life; that is, to perform all the duties required of him or her in Scripture. Thus

* Tit. iii. 10; Matt. xviii. 17, 18.

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it is the duty of adults to perform all the Christian duties; to attend the public worship of God,* and to partake of the Lord's supper† whenever an opportunity is afforded. It is the duty of parents to educate their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord,‡ to teach them the doctrines of the church, and to subject them to the ordinances of the same.§

SEC. 4. Any member being dissatisfied with the decision of the Church Council relative to himself may appeal to the Synod. But, in every case the applicant shall give notice to the Church Council of his intention, either immediately or within two weeks of the time when the sentence was made known to him, and shall specify to them the reasons of his dissatisfaction and the ground of his appeal.

SEC. 5. It is recommended that when a member of one of our churches moves into the bounds of another, and wishes to be admitted to the privileges of the church, he shall bring with him a certificate of good standing from his former pastor; and, until he hand in his certificate, he remains responsible to the church from which he came.

SEC. 6. It is recommended, as accordant with the principles of the New Testament, that the members of the church ought not to prosecute each other before a civil tribunal, until they have first made an attempt to settle their point of dif-

* Heb. x. 15; Col. iii. 16; Acts ii. 46; Matt. xviii. 20; Exod. xx. 8; Ps. lxxxiv. 2, 9, 11.

† 1 Cor. xi. 25.

‡ Eph. vi. 4.

§ Eph. vi. 4; 2 Tim. iii. 14, 15.

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ference through the mediation of their Christian brethren.

CHAPTER VI.

OF ELECTIONS.

SECTION 1. All congregational elections must be published by the Church Council to the congregation, at least two weeks before the election.

SEC. 2. The Council may publish a congregational meeting for any lawful purpose when they shall deem it necessary; and they shall be compelled so to do, when requested by one-third of the lawful electors of the church.

SEC. 3. The electors of any particular church in our connection, are all those who are in full communion with the same; who submit to its government and discipline regularly administered; who contribute according to their ability and engagements to all its necessary expenditures, and who have communed, unless providentially prevented, within one year preceding an election.

SEC. 4. At all elections for *elders or deacons*, no person may be elected to either of said offices, who is not a member in full communion with said church.

SEC. 5. When an election is held in a vacant congregation for a pastor, two-thirds of all the electors present shall be necessary to an election; and if the votes were not unanimous, it is recommended that the presiding officer shall invite the minority to concur in the decision. He shall give the minister a certificate, signed by himself, of his election. This certificate, with a statement of the

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support * which they promise him, shall be a legal call to the pastor therein specified.

SEC. 6. At elections for members of the Church Council, the existing Council shall nominate twice as many persons as are to be elected, and the church may nominate half as many more, if they deem it necessary, from whom the officers may be chosen.

SEC. 7. If, from any cause, a vacancy occurs in the Council in the interval between the stated elections, it shall be filled without delay by a special election, and the person thus elected shall serve until the regular expiration of the time of the member in whose place he was elected.

CHAPTER VII.

OF PRAYER MEETINGS, ETC.

SECTION 1. As prayer is one of the most necessary duties of a Christian, † and as prayer meetings have been of the utmost importance and usefulness, it is, therefore, most earnestly recommended to the different churches in our connection, to establish and promote them among our members. These meetings may be held in the church, school-house, or in private houses, and their object is the spiritual edification of the persons present; but the utmost precaution must ever be observed that God, who is a spirit, be worshipped in spirit and in truth; that they be characterized by that solemnity and decorum

* 1 Tim. v. 8; 1 Cor. ix. 14; Luke x. 7.

† 1 Thess. v. 17; Luke xviii. 1; Col. iv. 2.

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which ought ever to attend divine worship, and that no disorder be tolerated, or anything that is calculated to interrupt the devotions of those who are convened, or prevent their giving the fullest attention to him who is engaged in leading the meeting; in short, that, according to the injunction of the apostle, all things be done “decently and in order.”

SEC. 2. It is solemnly recommended to all church-members, and more especially to the members of the Council, to make daily worship in their families a sacred duty.*

SEC. 3. It is expedient that no person be permitted to preach in any of the churches in our connection, except by consent of the pastor and Council of said church, and, in the absence of the pastor, by permission of the Council.

CHAPTER VIII.

OF SYNOD.

SECTION 1. It was found necessary and profitable in the primitive church to have an occasional meeting of different individual churches, for the purpose of consultation and mutual encouragement, in preserving their purity and promoting their welfare.† This apostolical custom is retained in the Lutheran Church under the name of Conference, Synod, and General Synod.

SEC. 2. A Synod consists of all ministers and

* Acts i. 44; Eph. vi. 3; Acts x. 12; Jer. x. 25.

† Acts xv. 2, 6, 22, 23; Acts xxi. 15, 17, 18.

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licensed candidates within a certain district, and one lay delegate from each pastoral charge located within such district.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of each Synod to see that rules of government and discipline prescribed in this Formula are observed by all the congregations and ministers within their bounds, to receive appeals from decisions of church councils, and of Special Conferences, when regularly brought before them, and review and reverse or confirm the decisions to which they refer; to examine and decide on all charges against ministers and licentiates, that of heterodoxy alone excepted; to form and change ministerial districts; to attend to any business relating to their churches, which is regularly brought before them; to provide supplies for destitute congregations, and to devise and execute all suitable measures for the promotion of piety and the general prosperity of the church, not otherwise disposed of in this Formula.

SEC. 4. To this end the Synod and Ministerium shall have power to cite any church members within their bounds to appear before them; and to endeavor to obtain other witnesses, when the case may require it.

SEC. 5. If any congregation, hitherto in connection with a Synod, should refuse to observe the resolutions of said Synod, or the provisions of this Formula, it shall be excluded from connection with said Synod during the time of its refusal; nor shall any other Synod, nor any Lutheran minister or licentiate, take charge of it without special permission of the President.

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SEC. 6. Any congregation may become connected with the Synod within whose bounds it is situated, by acceding to the provisions of this Formula, and making some annual contribution towards defraying the necessary expenses of said Synod. For this purpose an annual collection ought to be held in each congregation.

SEC. 7. At least one meeting of each Synod shall be held every year, at such time and place as may have been determined on.

SEC. 8. No minister or licentiate shall be absent from the meeting of the Synod without the most urgent necessity. In case of his absence, he shall, if possible, send to the Synod a written apology for his absence. Voluntary ministerial engagements shall not be regarded as a sufficient excuse. Any minister or licentiate violating the provisions of this section, shall be called to account by the President at the next meeting.

SEC. 9. These written apologies, as well as all other letters and papers intended for the Synod or Ministerium, ought to be addressed to the President.

SEC. 10. The minister of the place in which the Synod is held, with the Church Council, shall endeavor to provide for the entertainment of the ministers, candidates, and lay delegates, by Christian friends.

SEC. 11. All the members of the Synod shall endeavor to assemble on the evening preceding the day appointed.

SEC. 12. Divine worship shall be celebrated, during the meeting of the Synod, as often as may be convenient, and consistent with the business of the Synod.

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SEC. 13. Ministers in good standing in other Synods, or in any sister churches, who may happen to be present, or who appear as delegates from said bodies, may be received as advisory members, but cannot vote in any decisions of the Synod.

CHAPTER IX.

OFFICERS OF THE SYNOD.

SECTION 1. The officers of Synod shall be a President, Secretary or Secretaries, and Treasurer, who shall be elected by a majority of votes present, either annually, or at such stated times as may be determined by each Synod. The President and Secretaries shall be ordained ministers, the Treasurer may be either a minister or a layman.

PRESIDENT.

SEC. 2. He shall deliver a discourse at the opening of each annual meeting of Synod, or appoint a substitute; and shall, in connection with the pastor of the church, have direction of the religious exercises during Synod, and the appointment of individuals to preach; unless Synod shall appoint a special committee on religious exercises, and of which he and the pastor shall be members.

SEC. 3. He shall preside at all meetings of the Synod, decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to Synod, and discharge all the duties usually devolving on the presiding officer of such a body.

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SEC. 4. He shall appoint all committees not specially named or elected by Synod.

SEC. 5. He shall, after the Synod is duly constituted by enrolling the names of the members, present a written report of all his official acts during the Synodical year, and may present such additional statements and recommendations as in his judgment should claim the attention of Synod. This report shall be dealt with as other papers belonging to Synod.

SEC. 6. He shall give advice to members of Synod and congregations when requested, or when in his judgment such advice is needed.

SEC. 7. Should he remove from the bounds of the Synod, depart this life, resign, or become disqualified for the discharge of his duties, the Secretary shall succeed him, and discharge the duties of the office until the next meeting of Synod.

SEC. 8. He shall, with the Secretary, subscribe all official documents of the Synod.

SEC. 9. He shall perform the ceremony of ordination, assisted by the Secretary and the ministers, and give to approved candidates letters of license, which, as well as certificates of ordination, he is to subscribe with his official signature.

SECRETARY.

SEC. 10. He shall keep a faithful and accurate record of all the proceedings of Synod, carefully preserve all the papers, the seal, etc., of the Synod, subject to its direction, and shall do all the official writing not otherwise provided for.

SEC. 11. He shall give notice (either by circular

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or in the church papers). of the time and place of the Synodical meeting, at least four weeks previous to the time appointed.

SEC. 12. He shall keep a register of the names of all the ministers and licentiates, arranged according to their age in office, and also of the congregations, whether vacant or not, connected with the Synod.

SEC. 13. If the business should render it necessary, the President may appoint an Assistant Secretary, whose office shall expire at the close of the meeting of Synod.

SEC. 14. Should he remove from the bounds of the Synod, depart this life, or become disqualified for the discharge of his duties, the President shall require the archives, seal, and any other property of Synod, to be delivered to him, and shall appoint a Secretary to act until the meeting of Synod.

TREASURER.

SEC. 15. He shall take charge of the moneys belonging to Synod, and shall keep them subject to its order.

SEC. 16. He shall keep, and present at each annual meeting of Synod, a detailed and faithful account of the state of the Treasury. If the Synod desires it, he shall give a bond for the faithful performance of the duties of his office.

SEC. 17. Should he remove out of the bounds of the Synod, depart this life, resign, or become disqualified for the discharge of his duties, the President shall take charge of all the moneys, certificates, bonds, etc., belonging to Synod, and

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retain them until a Treasurer is elected at the next meeting of Synod.

CHAPTER X.

OTHER MEMBERS OF A SYNOD.

SECTION 1. No minister or licentiate shall interfere with the congregation of another, by preaching or performing other ministerial duties in them, except by the request or consent of the latter, or, in his absence, without invitation from the Church Council.

SEC. 2. Any minister or licentiate, in good standing, who removes into the bounds of another Synod, shall, on application to the President, receive a certificate of honorable dismissal, and such a certificate shall be required by the Synod of those applying for admission into it.

SEC. 3. Any Lutheran minister, presenting to the President of Synod an honorable dismissal from another Evangelical Lutheran Synod, shall by him be received, and his name enrolled among the members of Synod. But if objection be made to his reception, at the opening of Synod, the case shall go over until after the Synod is organized.

SEC. 4. Any minister resigning his charge shall give due notice thereof to the President, and a like notice shall be given by any minister taking charge of congregations belonging to Synods.

SEC. 5. A licentiate shall have power to perform all ministerial acts during the time specified in his license.

SEC. 6. Licentiates shall have the same rights

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and privileges in Synod as ordained ministers, except to hold office.

SEC. 7. A licentiate shall have liberty to visit vacant congregations and to take charge of them, either on their invitation or by direction of the President of Synod.

SEC. 8. A licentiate, after he has taken a charge, shall not leave it, without the sanction of the Synod, or of the President.

SEC. 9. No church in this Synod shall enact anything in the form of Constitution and By-laws in conflict with the Constitution of Synod or Formula of Government.

LAY DELEGATES.

SEC. 10. Each lay delegate, entitled to a seat by this Constitution, shall have equal rights with the ministers in all business belonging to the Synod; that is, may take part in the debates, offer resolutions, and vote on all synodical questions.

CHAPTER XI.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. The President shall open the first session of Synod with appropriate religious services, and every session thereafter shall be opened and closed with prayer. In the absence of the President, the Secretary shall conduct the opening exercises, and in the absence of both, the oldest acting minister present.

2. Calling the roll of ministers and licentiates by the Secretary, and noting the absentees.

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3. Reception of lay delegates, who shall exhibit their certificates of appointment and be registered.

4. Applications for membership from other Lutheran Synods received. If objection be made to an applicant, the case shall be deferred until after Synod is fully organized.

5. Reading the President's annual report.

6. Election of officers for the ensuing year.

7. Delegates from other Synods, or members from other bodies, received.

8. Minutes of the last Synod read or referred to a committee.

9. All papers intended for the Synod may be handed in, and verbal notice given of any important business intended to be brought before Synod.

10. The papers may be taken up and discussed, or referred to appropriate committees, who can report at any time when ready. Reports of special and standing committees shall have preference.

11. Presentation of Parochial Reports according to the rules of Synod.

12. Treasurer's report.

13. Education and Missionary business. This may be attended to by Synod as a whole, or committees may be charged with it, who shall report to Synod.

14. Vacant congregations inquired into, and provision made for them.

15. Promiscuous business.

16. Election of delegates to General Synod, and of trustees or directors in any institution in which Synod is represented. All elections shall be by ballot.

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17. Appointment of delegates to other Synods, or other ecclesiastical bodies.

18. Choice of time and place of meeting.

19. Adjournment of Synod to time and place of next meeting. Synod shall be closed with appropriate religious exercises.

CHAPTER XII.

PROCESS AGAINST A MINISTER.

SECTION 1. As the honor and success of the Gospel depend very much on the character of its ministers, Synod ought to guard with the utmost care and impartiality the conduct of its members.

SEC. 2. All Christians should be very cautious in giving credit or circulation to an evil report of any member of the church, and especially of a minister of the Gospel. If any member knows a minister to be guilty of a private censurable fault, he should warn him in private; if this prove fruitless, he should apply to the Church Council, who shall proceed as specified in Chap. III., Sec. 5, of Formula of Government.

SEC. 3. If accusation be lodged, according to Chap. III., Sec. 5, with the President within two months of the next Synodical meeting, he shall defer the matter to said meeting; yet if the charge be one of gross immorality, or circulating fundamental error in doctrine, he shall immediately direct the accused to suspend all his ministerial duties until his case is decided. If such accusation be lodged with the President at an earlier

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date, he shall, if the charge be one of gross immorality, or circulating fundamental error in doctrine, immediately appoint a committee of five ordained ministers of the Synod, to meet without unnecessary delay at a suitable place, and institute a formal investigation of the case, according to the principles of this Formula. The chairman of the committee shall give at least ten days' notice, to all parties concerned, of the time and place of meeting.

SEC. 4. If the Synod is divided into Conference districts, the President may, at his discretion, intrust the matter to Conference, and notify the members to meet and proceed as above.

SEC. 5. Any three members of the committee, or a majority of the Conference thus meeting, shall have power to proceed and hold a fair and impartial investigation of the case, and to take all such necessary measures as may be just and proper to determine the guilt or innocence of the accused.

SEC. 6. If the accused confess, and the matter be such as gross immorality, or circulating fundamental error, he shall be immediately suspended from the exercise of the office until the meeting of Synod.

SEC. 7. If a minister accused of gross offences, being duly notified, refuse to attend the investigation, he shall be immediately suspended from office.

SEC. 8. If the accused deny the charge, and yet, on examination of the evidence, be found guilty, the committee or Conference shall nevertheless proceed to pass sentence on him.

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SEC. 9. The highest punishment which can be inflicted by a committee or special Conference, appointed as above specified, is suspension from clerical functions; and this sentence is to be reported at the next meeting of Synod, and remain in force until reversed by the Synod.

SEC. 10. Any minister intending to appeal from the decision of a committee or Conference, shall give notice of it to the chairman of the committee or Conference, within three weeks of the time when the decision was made, that both parties may be prepared for a new trial.

SEC. 11. Conferences, not specially convened for the purpose, may attend to any charges of importance against a minister within their bounds, if all the parties concerned are prepared and willing to proceed.

SEC. 12. If at any time the accusation be lodged with the President, according to Chap. III., Sec. 5, for a less offence than those specified in Sec. 3 of this Article, he shall take no other steps in the case than to write to the accused and accusers, exhorting them to mutual forbearance, and referring them to the next Synod.

SEC. 13. If accusation against a minister be made immediately to the Synod, and the Synod believe itself in possession of all the evidence necessary to a just decision, the case may be immediately examined and sentence passed, provided the accused shall have had fifteen days' notice, together with a written specification of the charges brought against him; and this whether he shall be present at Synod or not. But if the necessary evidence be not before Synod, and the

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offence be such as specified in Sec. 3, then it shall be intrusted to a committee or Conference, to proceed as above specified.

SEC. 14. If a minister be found guilty of gross immorality or circulating fundamental error in doctrine, his sentence of suspension shall not be removed until he shall give satisfactory evidence of penitence and reformation, and his restoration shall be by the same judicatory which suspended him, or at its recommendation.

SEC. 15. If the common report of a minister's guilt of any of the charges above specified, be such as seriously to injure the cause of religion, and his own church do not proceed against him, it shall be the duty of any other minister or layman, having obtained two other signatures of credible men, to report the case to the President.

CHAPTER XIII.

VACANT CONGREGATIONS.

SECTION 1. Vacant congregations which cannot be immediately supplied with a minister, are advised to assemble on the Lord's day, to elect some member of the church, of suitable capacities and character, to conduct the exercises, and engage in the worship of God, as recommended in Chap. VII., Sec. 1.

SEC. 2. It is also recommended, that at these meetings a portion of the Scriptures, of the prayers contained in the Liturgy, and of some selected sermon, such as are approved by the President of the Synod, be read.

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CHAPTER XIV.

CONFERENCES.

SECTION 1. The Synod may divide itself into Conference districts for the purpose of holding Conference meetings.

SEC. 2. The chief object of such meetings shall be the preaching of the Word, mutual consultation and encouragement in the work of the Lord, and seeking in every proper way to advance the interest of religion among the churches.

SEC. 3. Conferences may attend to any business referred to them by Synod or by congregation, which does not specially belong to Synod itself.

SEC. 4. The records of the proceedings of Conferences shall be submitted to Synod for examination and review.

CHAPTER XV.

MINISTERIUM.

SECTION 1. The Ministerium is composed of the ordained ministers of Synod, and shall have charge of the examination of candidates, licensure and ordination of ministers, reception of ministers from other ecclesiastical bodies, and the examination and decision of charges of heresy against any of its own members.

SEC. 2. The officers of Synod shall be officers of the Ministerium, and shall attend to the duties of such offices.

SEC. 3. A meeting of the Ministerium may be

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called at any time during the convention of Synod, by the President, and he shall call one when requested by three members.

SEC. 4. A special meeting of the Ministerium may be called by the President when requested in writing by one-third of the ordained ministers of Synod, stating the object of the meeting. Of such meeting notice must be given, by circular or letter, fifteen days previous.

SEC. 5. The examination of candidates for licensure may be conducted before the whole Ministerium, or in private by a committee appointed for that purpose, as the Ministerium may decide.

SEC. 6. The examination shall embrace, at least, the following subjects, viz.: Personal piety and motives for seeking the office of the ministry, the original languages (Hebrew and Greek) of the inspired Scriptures, Theology, Church History, Pastoral Theology, Homiletics and Church Government.

SEC. 7. In all cases of licensure or ordination, a vote of two-thirds of the members present shall be necessary; and the same shall be required for the reception of a minister applying for admission from another denomination, after having undergone such examination as may be deemed necessary by the Ministerium, or in such Synod where the Ministerium does not exist, by the Synod.

SEC. 8. The ceremony of Licensure and Ordination shall be performed according to the forms prescribed in the Liturgy of the General Synod, and the ordination may be either at the time of the meeting of the assembled Ministerium, or in

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the church to which the individual is called, by a committee appointed by the Ministerium for the purpose.

SEC. 9. All licenses shall extend to the time of the next annual meeting of the Ministerium, and shall be renewed as a matter of course, unless satisfactory reasons are known to the Ministerium which render a renewal inexpedient. And if for any reason no meeting be held at the appointed time, the licenses granted by said Ministerium shall remain in force until revoked.

SEC. 10. Licentiates shall keep a journal of their ministerial acts, which, with a few sermons of their own composition, shall be submitted to the Ministerium for inspection.

SEC. 11. The following shall be the order of business in the Ministerium:

1. Opening with prayer, or prayer with other suitable religious exercises.

2. Calling of the roll.

3. Communication by the President of any business which he may have to report.

4. Presentation of the licenses, journals, and sermons of the licentiates.

5. Application of candidates for examination, if not already examined by a committee: and also the application for the reception of ministers from other denominations.

6. Hearing of reports from the examining committee, or from committees on journals and sermons of licentiates, or from any other committee appointed by the Ministerium.

7. Promiscuous business relating to the ministry.

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8. Adjournment with suitable religious exercises.

SEC. 12. All business not specifically intrusted in this Formula to the Ministerium shall belong to the Synod.

SEC. 13. In the installation of a pastor, the ceremony of installation shall take place in the church to which he is called, and shall be conducted according to the form prescribed in the Liturgy of the General Synod.

SEC. 14. In all cases where District Synods have not made provision for a Ministerium, all the powers and duties prescribed in this article shall devolve on the Synod.

CONSTITUTION OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

ADOPTED AT WASHINGTON IN 1869.

PREAMBLE.

JESUS CHRIST, the Supreme Head of His Church, having prescribed no entire specific directory for its government and discipline, and every section of His Church being left at liberty to make such regulations additional to those found in the Scriptures, as are in harmony with the Word of God, and best adapted to its situation and circumstances; therefore, relying upon God our Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit in the Word of God, for the promotion of the practice of brotherly love, to the furtherance of Christian concord, to the firm establishment and continuance of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and for the accomplishment of the grand design for which the Church of Christ was established on earth,—We, the Evangelical Lutheran Synods connected with the General Synod, for ourselves and our successors, do adopt the following

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

The name, style, and title of this body shall be, "THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. The General Synod shall consist of the Clerical and Lay Delegates from the several District Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States which are now connected with it, or may hereafter join themselves thereunto, and who shall be duly acknowledged as members thereof, in the following ratio, namely:

Each Evangelical Lutheran Synod, containing eight ministers, may send one; if it contain sixteen, two; if twenty-four, three; if thirty-two, four; if forty, five; if fifty-five, six; if seventy, seven; if eighty-five, eight; and if it contain one hundred and upwards, nine delegates of the rank of ordained ministers, and an equal number of lay delegates. Each Synod at present connected with this body shall be entitled to at least one clerical and one lay representative.

SEC. 2. Each delegate appearing in the General Synod, according to this ratio, shall enjoy equal rights and privileges in the transaction of its business. Each Synod may choose its delegates in such manner as to it may seem proper, and shall pay the traveling expenses of the same to and from the General Synod, unless the General Synod itself shall otherwise provide.

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SEC. 3. All regularly constituted Lutheran Synods, not now in connection with the General Synod, receiving and holding with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of our fathers, the Word of God, as contained in the Canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as the only infallible rule of faith and practice, and the Augsburg Confession as a correct exhibition of the fundamental doctrines of the Divine word and of the faith of our Church founded upon that word, may at any time become associated with the General Synod, by adopting this Constitution, and sending delegates to its convention according to the ratio specified in section first of this article.

SEC. 4. Should the delegates of any District Synod withdraw from the sessions of the General Synod without the consent of a majority of the members of the body, and such withdrawal be sanctioned by their Synod; or should any Synod, without being excused by the General Synod, decline sending delegates, such Synod shall be considered as having severed its connection with the General Synod, and its delegates can only be again received as those of a newly-applying Synod.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. The delegates to the General Synod shall, at each meeting, choose by ballot, from among their own number, a President and Secretary; and from among their own number or elsewhere, a Treasurer. These officers shall continue in office until the next meeting of the Synod, and until others are chosen in their stead. The same person is at all times re-eligible as Secretary or

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Treasurer; but no one may be elected President except an ordained minister, nor more than twice in succession.

SEC. 2. The President shall act as chairman of the Synod, and may take part in the discussions, and vote as any other member, but shall not originate motions. He shall subscribe all letters, written advices, resolutions, and proceedings of the Synod. In extraordinary cases, and by request of any one or more of the acknowledged Synods, or by a respectable number of the ministers or churches connected with the General Synod, he may convene the delegates of the General Synod in special session. In case the business of the Secretary becomes too burdensome for one person to execute, he shall, with the concurrence of the Secretary, appoint an Assistant Secretary, and make known to him what portion of the labor he is to undertake.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall keep a journal of the proceedings, write, attest, and take care of all the documents and writings, publish the time and place of the meeting of Synod in the papers of the church at least two months beforehand, and, in case of a special meeting, he shall give written notice thereof to the President of each of the District Synods, immediately upon the issue of the call for such special meeting.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all moneys of the Synod, and shall keep a faithful account of the same, which must be submitted at each meeting of the General Synod. At its pleasure he may also be required to give bond and security for the faithful performance of his trust.

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He shall pay out moneys only in pursuance of a resolution of Synod, or upon an order of the President attested by the Secretary.

SEC. 5. Should any officer of the Synod, in the intermediate time of the assembling of the body, depart this life, resign his office, or become incapable of executing the same, then the remaining officers shall appoint some capable and faithful man in his place until the next meeting of the General Synod.

ARTICLE IV.

The General Synod, as the highest Ecclesiastical Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Churches connected with it through their District Synods, shall have the control of all those interests of the Church which are of a general character. The powers more specifically intrusted to the General Synod are chiefly the following:

SECTION 1. The General Synod shall examine the proceedings of the District Synods belonging to it, in order that it may obtain a knowledge of the existing state of the Church; and it may publish the statistics of the Church, and reports on the state of religion, with such plans and recommendations for the promotion of the kingdom of Christ, at home and abroad, as it shall deem proper. The District Synods shall, therefore, transmit to it regularly several copies of the proceedings of their annual conventions.

SEC. 2. The General Synod shall be charged with the duty of providing the books or writings to be used in the public worship of the Church, and in the catechetical instruction of the young,

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such as Liturgies, Hymn Books, and Catechisms; and no District Synod shall, without the sanction of the General Synod, publish or recommend books of this kind other than those furnished by the General Synod.

SEC. 3. The General Synod, as the representative body of all the Synods connected therewith, shall make provision for the general missionary and benevolent operations of the Church, such as Home and Foreign Missions, Church Extension, providing a Church Literature, founding and maintaining institutions for the support of poor and disabled ministers and their widows and orphans, and other general benevolent and charitable institutions. It shall use all its power and means to unite, foster, and make efficient these operations of the Church.

SEC. 4. To accomplish these ends, the General Synod shall, whenever deemed practicable and expedient, create and perpetuate such Boards of Managers as it may consider necessary efficiently to carry forward these operations of the Church, and determine the number of members of each, and the time of their continuance in office, and assign to each Board its appropriate work and duties. These Boards shall always be subject to and under the control of the General Synod.

SEC. 5. Each Board thus created, acting under the control and by the authority of the General Synod, shall make the regulations necessary for the management of its own affairs, shall appoint its own officers, shall keep full and correct minutes of its proceedings, and shall make report of the same at each meeting of the General Synod.

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For the greater security of the funds and property which may at any time be intrusted to these Boards, any one or all of them shall, at the request of the General Synod, obtain acts of incorporation, and the Treasurers of the same shall give suitable bonds for the faithful performance of their duties.

SEC. 6. The General Synod may also institute and create a treasury for the efficient advancement of its purposes.

SEC. 7. The General Synod shall also advise the adoption of such rules and regulations among the several Synods as may prevent unpleasant and unfriendly collisions that might otherwise arise out of any difference of opinion existing among them, or from any other cause, and it shall apply all its powers, prayers, and means for the prevention of schisms among us—it shall be sedulously and incessantly mindful of the circumstances of the times, and of every casual rise and progress of unity of sentiment among Christians in general, in order that the blessed opportunities to promote concord and unity, and the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, may not pass by neglected and unavailing.

SEC. 8. The General Synod may give advice or opinion, when complaints shall be brought before them by whole Synods, Ministeriums, Congregations, or individual ministers or laymen, concerning doctrine or discipline. They shall, however, be extremely careful that the consciences of ministers of the gospel be not burdened with human inventions, laws, or devices, and that no one be oppressed by reason of differences of opinion or non-fundamental doctrines.

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SEC. 9. If differences of Synods be referred, the votes thereon shall be taken by Synods, and the referring Synods shall have no vote.

ARTICLE V.

The order of business shall be regulated by the By-Laws and Standing Rules, except as follows:

SECTION 1. A majority of Delegates appearing with proper credentials shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 2. The General Synod shall appoint, by ballot, the time and place of the next convention; observing, at all times, however, that one meeting, at least, be held every two years.

ARTICLE VI.

SECTION 1. The General Synod may make whatever By-Laws it may deem necessary, provided only that they do not contradict the spirit of this Constitution.

SEC. 2. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made, except by the consent of two-thirds of the Synods attached to the General Synod. An exact copy of the intended alterations must be sent by the Secretary to the Presidents of the District Synods in connection with this body, with the request that they submit them to their respective Synods for decision. And if, at the subsequent meeting of the General Synod, it shall appear from their minutes that two-thirds of the District Synods are in favor of the alterations, they shall be declared adopted.

RESPONSES.

Responses to the Commandments.

After each Commandment, except the 10th.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

After the 10th.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these Thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

Responses after Commandments.

After the 3d.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep these laws.

After the 4th.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

After the 10th.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep these laws.

After the Summary of the Law.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these Thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee, we beseech Thee.

Responses.

I. Sanctus.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts ; Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory: Glory be to Thee, O Lord most High. Amen.

II. Sanctus.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God, Lord God of Hosts ; Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty, are full of the Majesty of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord, to Thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.

Trisagion.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name, evermore praising Thee, and saying, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts ; Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory : Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.

HYMNS.

MORNING.

1

L. M.

LORD God of morning and of night,
We thank Thee for Thy gift of light;
As in the dawn the shadows fly,
We seem to find Thee now more nigh.

2 Fresh hopes have wakened in the heart,
Fresh force to do our daily part;
Thy thousand sleeps our strength restore
A thousand fold to serve Thee more.

3 O Lord of lights, 'tis Thou alone
Canst make our darkened hearts Thine own:
O, then be with us, Lord, that we
In Thy great day may wake to Thee.

4 Praise God, our Maker and our Friend;
Praise Him through time, till time shall end;
Till psalm and song His name adore
Through Heaven's great day of evermore.

Francis T. Palgrave. 1867.

2

L. M.

ERE yet the dawn hath filled the skies
Behold my Saviour Christ arise;
He chaseth from us sin and night,
And brings us joy and life and light.

Morning.

- 2 O stronger Thou than death and hell,
Where is the foe Thou canst not quell!
What heavy stone Thou canst not roll
From off the prisoned, suff'ring soul?
- 3 If Jesus lives can I be sad?
I know He loves me, and am glad:
Though all the world were dead to me,
Enough, O Christ, if I have Thee!
- 4 He feeds me, comforts, and defends,
And when I die His angels sends
To bear me whither He is gone,
For of His own He loseth none.
- 5 No more to fear or grief I bow,
God and the angels love me now;
The joys prepared for me to-day
Drive fear and mourning far away.

John Heermann. 1630.

Tr. Catherine Winkworth. 1858.

3

C. M.

- NOW that the sun is beaming bright,
Once more to God we pray,
That He, the uncreated Light,
May guide our souls this day.
- 2 No sinful word, no deed of wrong,
Nor thoughts that idly rove;
But simple truth be on our tongue,
And in our hearts be love.
 - 3 And while the hours in order flow,
O Christ, securely fence
Our gates, beleaguered by the foe,
The gate of every sense.

Morning.

- 4 And grant that to Thine honor, Lord,
Our daily toil may tend:
That we begin it at Thy word,
And in Thy favor end.

Latin. Tr. John H. Newman. 1842 a.

4

8, 4, 7, D.

COME, my soul, thou must be waking,
Now is breaking
O'er the earth another day:
Come, to Him who made this splendor,
See thou render
All thy feeble strength can pay.

- 2 Gladly hail the sun returning:
Ready burning
Be the incense of Thy powers:
For the night is safely ended;
God hath tended
With His care Thy helpless hours.

- 3 Pray that He may prosper ever
Each endeavor,
When thine aim is good and true;
But that He may ever thwart thee,
And convert thee,
When thou evil wouldst pursue.

- 4 Only God's free gifts abuse not,
Light refuse not,
But His Spirit's voice obey;

Morning.

Thou with Him shalt dwell, beholding
Light enfolding
All things in unclouded day.

- 5 Glory, honor, exaltation,
Adoration,
Be to the eternal One:
To the Father, Son, and Spirit.
Laud and merit,
While unending ages run.

*F. R. L. von Canitz.
Tr. Henry J. Buckoll. 1841.*

5

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CHRIST, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night!
Day-Spring from on high, be near!
Day-Star, in my heart appear!

- 2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till Thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
- 3 Visit, then, this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, Radiance Divine,
Scatter all my unbelief!
More and more Thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

Charles Wesley. 1740.

Morning.

6

7s, D.

NOW the shades of night are gone,
Now the morning light is come;
Lord, may we be thine to-day,
Drive the shades of sin away.
Fill our souls with heav'nly light,
Banish doubt and cleanse our sight;
In Thy service, Lord, to-day,
Help us labor, help us pray.

- 2 Keep our haughty passions bound;
Save us from our foes around;
Going out and coming in,
Keep us safe from ev'ry sin.
When our work of life is past,
Oh, receive us all at last!
Night of sin will be no more,
When we reach the heavenly shore.

Samson Occom. 1770.

7

C. M.

LORD, for the mercies of this night
My humble thanks I pay,
And unto Thee I dedicate
The first fruits of the day.

- 2 Let this day praise Thee, O my God,
And so let all my days:
And O, let my eternal day
Be Thy eternal praise!

John Mason. 1683.

Morning.

8

C. M.

LORD, in the morning Thou shalt hear
My voice ascending high;
To Thee will I direct my prayer,
To Thee lift up mine eye.

2 Up to the hills, where Christ is gone
To plead for all His saints,
Presenting at His Father's throne
Our songs and our complaints.

3 Thou art a God, before whose sight
The wicked shall not stand;
Sinners shall ne'er be Thy delight,
Nor dwell at Thy right hand.

4 But to Thy house will I resort,
To taste Thy mercies there;
I will frequent Thy holy court,
And worship in Thy fear.

5 Oh, may Thy Spirit guide my feet
In ways of righteousness;
Make ev'ry path of duty straight
And plain before my face.

Isaac Watts. 1719.

9

S. M.

WE lift our hearts to Thee,
O Day-star from on high!
The sun itself is but Thy shade,
Yet cheers both earth and

Morning.

- 2 Oh, let Thy rising beams
The night of sin disperse,
The mists of error and of vice
Which shade the universe.
- 3 How beauteous nature now!
How dark and sad before!
With joy we view the pleasing change,
And nature's God adore.
- 4 Oh, may no gloomy crime
Pollute the rising day;
May Jesus' blood, like morning dew,
Wash all our stains away.
- 5 To God, the Father, Son,
And Spirit, One in Three,
Be glory, as it was, is now,
And shall for ever be.

Charles Wesley. 1751.

10

L. M.

- A**WAKE, my soul, and with the sun
Thy daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
To pay thy morning sacrifice.
- 2 By influence of the light divine,
Let thy own light to others shine;
Reflect all heaven's propitious rays
In ardent love and cheerful praise.
- 3 Lord! I my vows to Thee renew:
Disperse my sins as morning dew;

Morning.

Guard my first springs of thought and will,
And with Thyself my spirit fill.

4 Direct, control, suggest, this day,
All I design, or do, or say;
That all my powers, with all their might,
In Thy sole glory may unite.

5 All praise to Thee, who safe hast kept,
And hast refresh'd me, while I slept!
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,
I may of endless life partake.

Thomas Ken. 1709.

11 S. M.

SEE how the rising sun
Pursues his shining way,
And wide proclaims his Maker's praise,
With every bright'ning ray.

2 Thus would my rising soul
Its Heavenly Parent sing,
And to its great Original
The humble tribute bring.

3 Serene I laid me down
Beneath His guardian care;
I slept, and I awoke, and found
My kind Preserver near!

4 My life I would anew
Devote, O Lord, to Thee;
And in Thy blessed presence spend
A long eternity.

Elizabeth Scott. 1750 a.

Morning.

12

L. M.

MY God, how endless is Thy love!
Thy gifts are every ev'ning new,
And morning mercies from above
Gently descend like early dew.

2 Thou spread'st the curtain of the night,
Great Guardian of my sleeping hours;
Thy sov'reign word restores the light,
And quickens all my drowsy powers.

3 I yield myself to Thy command,
To Thee devote my nights and days;
Perpetual blessings from Thy hand
Demand perpetual hymns of praise.

Isaac Watts. 1709.

13

C. M.

LORD of my life! oh, may Thy praise
Employ my noblest powers,
Whose goodness lengthens out my days,
And fills the circling hours!

2 Preserved by Thine Almighty arm
I pass the shades of night,
Serene and safe from every harm,
And see returning light.

3 Oh, let the same Almighty care
My waking hours attend;
From every trespass, every snare,
My heedless steps defend.

Morning.

- 4 Smile on my minutes as they roll,
And guide my future days;
And let Thy goodness fill my soul
With gratitude and praise.

Anne Steele. 1760.

14

C. M.

HOSANNA with a cheerful sound
To God's upholding hand!
Ten thousand snares our path surround,
And yet secure we stand.

- 2 How wondrous is that mighty power
Which formed us with a word!
And every day and every hour
We lean upon the Lord.

- 3 The rising morn cannot assure
That we shall end the day
For death stands ready at the door
To take our lives away.

- 4 God is our Sun, whose daily light
Our joy and safety brings;
Our feeble frame lies safe at night
Beneath His sheltering wings.

Isaac Watts. 1707.

EVENING.

15

L. M.

GLORY to Thee, my God, this night,
For all the blessings of the light;
Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings,
Under Thine own almighty wings.

Evening.

- 2 Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son,
The ills that I this day have done;
That with the world, myself, and Thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
- 3 Teach me to live, that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed;
Teach me to die, that so I may
With joy behold the judgment-day.
- 4 Lord, let my soul for ever share
The bliss of Thy paternal care;
'Tis heaven on earth, 'tis heaven above,
To see Thy face and sing Thy love.
- 5 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Thomas Ken. 1695 a.

16

10s.

ABIDE with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!

- 2 Not a brief glance I beg, a passing word,
But as Thou dwell'st with Thy disciples, Lord,
Familiar, condescending, patient, free,
Come, not to sojourn, but abide with me.

Evening.

- 3 I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's
power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.
- 4 Hold Thou Thy Cross before my closing eyes,
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the
skies:
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain
shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

Henry F. Lyte. 1847.

17

6s, 5s, D.

NOW the day is over,
Night is drawing nigh,
Shadows of the evening
Steal across the sky.
Jesus, give the weary
Calm and sweet repose;
With Thy tenderest blessing
May mine eye-lids close.

- 2 Grant to little children
Visions bright of Thee;
Guard the sailors, tossing
On the deep blue sea.
Through the long night-watches
May Thine angels spread
Their white wings above me,
Watching round my bed.

Evening.

- 3 When the morning wakens,
Then may I arise
Pure, and fresh, and sinless,
In Thy holy eyes.
Glory to the Father,
Glory to the Son,
And to Thee, blest Spirit,
Whilst all ages run.

Sabine Baring-Gould. 1865.

18

7s, 6s, 8s.

THE day is past and over:
All thanks, O Lord, to Thee!
I pray Thee now that sinless
The hours of dark may be.
O Jesus, keep me in Thy sight,
And save me through the coming night!

- 2 The toils of day are over:
I lift my heart to Thee:
And ask that free from peril
The hours of dark may be.
O Jesus, make their darkness light,
And guard me through the coming night!

- 3 Be Thou my soul's Preserver,
O God! for Thou dost know
How many are the perils
Through which I have to go.
Lover of men, O hear my call,
And guard and save me from them all!

Anatolius ab. 450.

Tr. John M. Neale. 1862 a.

Evening.

19

8s, 4s, 8s, 4.

GOD that madest earth and heaven,
Darkness and light;
Who the day for toil hast given,
For rest the night;
May Thine angel-guards defend us,
Slumber sweet Thy mercy send us,
Holy dreams and hopes attend us,
This live-long night.

2 Guard us waking, guard us sleeping,
And, when we die,
May we in Thy mighty keeping
All peaceful lie:
When the last dread call shall wake us,
Do not Thou our God forsake
But to reign in glory take us
With Thee on high.

*Reginald Heber. 1827.
Richard Whately. 1855.*

20

7s, 4, 6, 4, 7, 7, 4.

DAY is dying in the west;
Heav'n is touching earth with rest
Wait and worship while the night
Sets her evening lamps alight
Through all the sky.
Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts!
Heav'n and earth are full of Thee!
Heav'n and earth are praising Thee,
O Lord most high.

Evening.

- 2 Lord of life, beneath the dome
Of the Universe, Thy home,
Gather us who seek Thy face
To the fold of Thy embrace,
For thou art nigh.
Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts!
Heav'n and earth are full of Thee!
Heav'n and earth are praising Thee,
O Lord most high!

Mary A. Lathbury. 1877.

21

L. M.

SUN of my soul, Thou Saviour dear,
It is not night if Thou be near;
Oh, may no earth-born cloud arise,
To hide Thee from Thy servant's eyes.

- 2 When soft the dews of kindly sleep
My wearied eyelids gently steep,
Be my last thought—how sweet to rest
Forever on my Saviour's breast.
- 3 Abide with me from morn till eve,
For without Thee I cannot live;
Abide with me when night is nigh,
For without Thee I dare not die.
- 4 Be near to bless me when I wake,
Ere through the world my way I take;
Till in the ocean of Thy love
I lose myself in heaven above.

John Keble. 1820.

Evening.

22

8s, 7s, D.

SAVIOUR, breathe an evening blessing,
Ere repose our spirits seal;
Sin and want we come confessing,
Thou canst save, and Thou canst heal;
Though destruction walk around us,
Though the arrow near us fly,
Angel-guards from Thee surround us,
We are safe if Thou art nigh.

- 2 Though the night be dark and dreary,
Darkness cannot hide from Thee;
Thou art He who, never weary,
Watchest where Thy people be;
Should swift death this night o'ertake us,
And our couch become our tomb,
May the morn in heaven awake us,
Clad in light and deathless bloom.

James Edmeston. 1820.

23

S. M.

THE day, O Lord, is spent;
Abide with us, and rest,
Our heart's desires are fully bent
On making Thee our guest.

- 2 We have not reached that land,
That happy land, as yet,
Where holy angels round Thee stand,
Whose sun can never set.
- 3 Our sun is sinking now;
Our day is almost o'er;
O Sun of Righteousness, do Thou
Shine on us evermore.

John M. Neale. 1842.

Evening.

24

L. M.

O LIGHT, O Trinity most Blest!
True God, Supreme and ever Best:
As now the sun of day departs,
Out-pour Thy beams upon our hearts.

2 To Thee, at morn our hymns we raise,
At evening offer prayer and praise;
And Thou our glorious theme shalt be,
Now and through all eternity.

3 As darkness deepens, Lord, do Thou
A night of quiet rest bestow;
From all our sins grant us release,
And bless us with Thy perfect peace.

Ambrosian V. Century.
Martin Luther. 1543.
Tr. Composite. 1890.

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SOFTLY now the light of day
Fades upon my sight away;
Free from care, from labor free,
Lord, I would commune with Thee.

2 Thou, whose all-pervading eye
Naught escapes without, within,
Pardon each infirmity,
Open fault, and secret sin.

3 Thou who, sinless, yet hast known
All of man's infirmity;
Then, from Thine eternal throne,
Jesus, look with pitying eye.

Evening.

- 4 Soon, for me, the light of day
Shall forever pass away:
Then, from sin and sorrow free,
Take me, Lord, to dwell with Thee.

George W. Doane. 1824.

26

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THE hours of day are over,
The evening calls us home;
Once more to thee, O Father,
With thankful hearts we come;
For all Thy countless blessings
We praise Thy holy name,
And own Thy love unchanging,
Thro' days and years the same.

- 2 For this, O Lord, we bless Thee,
For this, we thank Thee most,
The cleansing of the sinful,
The saving of the lost;
The Teacher ever present,
The Friend forever nigh,
The home prepared by Jesus
For us above the sky.

- 3 Lord, gather all Thy children
To meet Thee there at last,
When earthly tasks are ended,
And earthly days are past;
With all our dear ones round us
In that eternal home,
Where death no more shall part us,
And night shall never come!

John Ellerton. 1858.

Evening.

27

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THE day is gently sinking to a close,
Fainter and yet more faint the sunlight
glows:

O Brightness of Thy Father's glory, Thou
Eternal Light of Light, be with us now:
Where Thou art present darkness cannot be:
Midnight is glorious noon, O Lord, with Thee.

2 Our changeful lives are ebbing to an end,
Onward to darkness and to death we tend;
O Conqueror of the grave, be Thou our guide,
Be Thou our Light in death's dark eventide;
Then in our mortal hour will be no gloom,
No sting in death, no terror in the tomb.

3 Thou who in darkness walking didst appear
Upon the waves, and Thy disciples cheer,
Come, Lord, in lonesome days, when storms
assail,
And earthly hopes and human succors fail;
When all is dark, may we behold Thee nigh,
And hear Thy voice, "Fear not, for it is I."

4 The weary world is mould'ring to decay,
Its glories wane, its pageants fade away:
In that last sunset, when the stars shall fall,
May we arise, awakened by Thy call,
With Thee, O Lord, forever to abide
In that blest day which has no eventide!

Christopher Wordsworth. 1863.

Evening.

28

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FOR the mercies of the day,
For this rest upon our way,
Thanks to Thee alone be given,
Lord of earth and King of heaven!

2 Cold our services have been,
Mingled every prayer with sin;
But Thou canst and wilt forgive;
By Thy grace alone we live.

3 While this thorny path we tread,
May Thy love our footsteps lead;
When our journey here is past,
May we rest with Thee at last.

4 Let these earthly Sabbaths prove
Foretastes of our joys above;
While their steps Thy children bend
To the rest which knows no end.

O. P. Missionary Minstrel. 1826.

29

C. M.

NOW, from the altar of our hearts
Let incense-flames arise;
Assist us, Lord, to offer up
Our evening sacrifice.

2 Awake, our love, awake our joy;
Awake, our hearts and tongue:
Sleep not when mercies loudly call,
Break forth into a song.

Evening.

- 3 Minutes and mercies multiplied
Have made up all this day;
Minutes came quick, but mercies were
More fleet and free than they.
- 4 New time, new favors, and new joys,
Do a new song require;
Till we shall praise Thee as we would,
Accept our heart's desire.

John Mason. 1683.

30

7s.

- S**OFTLY fades the twilight ray
Of the holy Sabbath day;
Gently as life's setting sun,
When the Christian's course is run.
- 2 Peace is on the world abroad;
'Tis the holy peace of God—
Symbol of the peace within,
When the spirit rests from sin.
- 3 Still the Spirit lingers near,
Where the evening worshipper
Seeks communion with the skies,
Pressing onward to the prize.
- 4 Saviour, may our Sabbaths be
Days of peace and joy in Thee;
Till in heaven our souls repose,
Where the Sabbath ne'er shall close.

Samuel F. Smith. 1832.

Evening.

31

S. M.

THE day is past and gone,
The evening shades appear,
Oh, may I ever keep in mind
The night of death draws near.

2 Lord, keep me safe this night,
Secure from all my fears;
May angels guard me while I sleep,
Till morning light appears.

3 And when I joyful rise,
To view th' unwearied sun,
May I set out to win the prize,
And after glory run.

4 That when my days are past,
And I from time remove,
Lord, I may in Thy bosom rest,
The bosom of Thy love.

John Leland. 1792 a.

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8s.

INSPIRER and Hearer of prayer,
Thou Shepherd and Guardian of Thine,
My all to Thy covenant care
I, sleeping or waking, resign.

2 If Thou art my Shield and my Sun,
The night is no darkness to me,
And fast as my minutes roll on,
They bring me but nearer to Thee.

3 A sovereign Protector I have,
Unseen, yet forever at hand;

Evening.

Unchangeably faithful to save,
Almighty to rule and command.

- 4 His smiles and His comforts abound,
His grace, as the dew, shall descend;
And walls of salvation surround
The soul He delights to defend.

Augustus M. Toplady. 1774.

33

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HEAR my pray'r, O heavenly Father,
Ere I lay me down to sleep;
Bid Thy angels, pure and holy,
Round my bed their vigil keep.

- 2 Great my sins are, but Thy mercy
Far outweighs them every one;
Down before Thy cross I cast them,
Trusting in Thy help alone.

- 3 Keep me, through this night of peril,
Underneath its boundless shade;
Take me to Thy rest, I pray Thee,
When my pilgrimage is made!

- 4 None shall measure out Thy patience
By the span of human thought;
None shall bound the tender mercies
Which Thy Holy Son hath wrought.

- 5 Pardon all my past transgressions;
Give me strength for days to come;
Guide and guard me with Thy blessing,
Till Thine angels bid me home!

Harriet Parr. 1856.

Evening.

34

8, 8, 7, D.

FATHER, in high heaven dwelling,
May our evening song be telling
Of Thy mercy large and free:
Through the day Thy love hath fed us,
Through the day Thy care hath led us,
With divinest charity.

2 This day's sins, oh, pardon, Saviour!
Evil thoughts, perverse behavior,
Envy, pride, and vanity;
From all evil us deliver;
Save us now, and save us ever,
O Thou Lamb of Calvary!

3 Whilst the night-dews are distilling,
Holy Ghost, each heart be filling
With Thine own serenity;
Softly let our eyes be closing,
Loving souls on Thee reposing,
Ever-blessed Trinity.

George Rawson. 1853.

35

8s, 7s, 7, 7.

THROUGH the day Thy love has spared us;
Now we lay us down to rest,
Through the silent watches guard us,
Let no foe our peace molest;
Jesus! Thou our Guardian be;
Sweet it is to trust in Thee.

2 Pilgrims here on earth, and strangers,
Dwelling in the midst of foes,
Us and ours preserve from dangers;
In Thine arms may we repose,

Lord's Day and Public Worship.

And when life's short day is past
Rest with Thee in heaven at last.

Thomas Kelly. 1806.

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8s, 7s, 7, 7.

SAVIOUR, now the day is ending,
And the shades of evening fall,
Let Thy Holy Dove, descending,
Bring Thy mercy to us all;
Set Thy seal on every heart,
Jesus, bless us ere we part!

- 2 Bless the gospel message spoken,
In Thine own appointed way;
Give each fainting soul a token
Of Thy tender love to-day;
Set Thy seal on every heart,
Jesus, bless us ere we part!

- 3 Comfort those in pain or sorrow,
Watch each sleeping child of Thine;
Let us all arise to-morrow
Strengthened by Thy grace divine;
Set Thy seal on every heart,
Jesus, bless us ere we part!

Sarah Doudney. 1881.

LORD'S DAY AND PUBLIC WORSHIP.

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C. M.

BLEST day of God, most calm, most bright,
The first and best of days;
The laborer's rest, the saint's delight,
The day of prayer and praise!

Lord's Day and Public Worship.

- 2 My Saviour's face made thee to shine,
His rising did thee raise;
This made thee heavenly and divine
Beyond the common days.
- 3 The first fruits oft a blessing prove
To all the sheaves behind;
And they that do a Sabbath love,
A happy week shall find.
- 4 This day must I 'fore God appear
For, Lord, the day is Thine;
O let me spend it in Thy fear,
Then shall the day be mine.

John Mason. 1683 a.

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SAFELY through another week
God has brought us on our way;
Let us now a blessing seek,
Waiting in His courts to-day:
Day of all the week the best,
Emblem of eternal rest!

- 2 While we seek supplies of grace,
Through the dear Redeemer's name,
Show Thy reconciling face,
Take away our sin and shame:
From our worldly cares set free,
May we rest this day in Thee.
- 3 Here we've come, Thy name to praise;
Let us feel Thy presence near:
May Thy glory meet our eyes,
While we in Thy house appear:

Lord's Day and Public Worship.

Here afford us, Lord, a taste
Of our everlasting feast.

- 4 May Thy gospel's joyful sound
Conquer sinners, comfort saints;
Make the fruits of grace abound,
Bring relief for all complaints:
Thus may all our Sabbaths prove,
Till we join the Church above.

John Newton. 1774 a.

39

S. M.

WELCOME, sweet day of rest
That saw the Lord arise;
Welcome to this reviving breast
And these rejoicing eyes.

- 2 The King Himself comes near,
And feasts His saints to-day;
Here we may sit, and see Him here,
And love and praise and pray.

- 3 One day within the place
Where Christ, my Lord, has been,
Is sweeter than ten thousand days
Within the tents of sin.

- 4 My willing soul would stay
In such a frame as this,
Till called to rise and soar away
To everlasting bliss.

Isaac Watts. 1709 a.

Lord's Day and Public Worship.

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HALLELUJAH! fairest morning!
Fairer than our words can say!
Down we lay the heavy burden
Of our toil and care to-day:
While this morn of joy and love
Brings fresh vigor from above.

- 2 Sunday, full of holy glory!
Sweetest rest-day of the soul!
Light upon a world of darkness
From thy blessed moments roll!
Holy, happy, heavenly day,
Thou canst charm our grief away.
- 3 In the gladness of God's worship
We will seek our joy to-day:
It is then we learn the fulness
Of the grace for which we pray;
When the word of life is given,
Like the Saviour's voice from heaven.
- 4 Let the day with Thee be ended,
As with Thee it has begun;
And Thy blessing, Lord, be granted,
Till earth's days and weeks are done;
That at last Thy servants may
Keep eternal Sabbath day.

*Jonathan Krause. 1739.
Tr. Jane Borthwick. 1858.*

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L. M.

ANOTHER six days' work is done
Another Sabbath is begun:

Lord's Day and Public Worship.

Return, my soul, enjoy thy rest,
Improve the day thy God has blest.

- 2 Come, bless the Lord, whose love assigns
So sweet a rest to wearied minds;
Provides an antepast of heaven,
And gives this day the food of seven.
- 3 Oh that our thoughts and thanks may rise
As grateful incense to the skies;
And draw from heaven that sweet repose
Which none but he who feels it knows.
- 4 With joy God's wondrous works we view
In various scenes, both old and new;
With praise we think on mercies past,
With hope we future pleasures taste.
- 5 In holy duties let the day,
In holy pleasures pass away:
How sweet a Sabbath thus to spend,
In hope of one that ne'er shall end!

Joseph Stennett. 1732 a.

42

L. M.

THIS day the light, of heavenly birth,
First streamed upon the new-born earth:
O Lord, this day upon us shine,
And fill our souls with light divine.

- 2 This day the Saviour left the grave,
And rose, omnipotent to save:
O Jesus, may we raised be
From death of sin to life in Thee.

Lord's Day and Public Worship.

- 3 This day the Holy Spirit came,
With fiery tongues of cloven flame:
O Spirit, fill our hearts this day
With grace to hear, and grace to pray.
- 4 O day of Light, and Life, and Grace!
From earthly toils, sweet resting-place!
Thy hallowed hours, best gift of love,
We give again to God above.

William W. How. 1855 a.

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THINE holy day's returning,
Our hearts exult to see,
And with devotion burning,
Ascend, O God, to Thee!
To-day with purest pleasure,
Our thoughts from earth withdraw;
We search for heavenly treasure,
We learn Thy holy law.

- 2 We join to sing thy praises,
Lord of the Sabbath day;
Each voice in gladness raises
Its loudest, sweetest lay!
Thy richest mercies sharing,
Inspire us with Thy love,
By grace our souls preparing
For nobler praise above.

Ray Palmer. 1834.

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8s, 7s, 4.

GOD of our salvation, hear us;
Bless, oh, bless us, ere we go!

Lord's Day and Public Worship.

When we join the world, be near us,
Lest we cold and careless grow;
Saviour keep us—
Keep us safe from every foe.

- 2 As our steps are drawing nearer
To our best and lasting home,
May our view of heaven grow clearer,
Hope more bright of joys to come;
And, when dying,
May Thy presence cheer the gloom.

Thomas Kelly. 1815.

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LIGHT of light, enlighten me,
Now anew the day is dawning;
Sun of grace, the shadows flee,
Brighten Thou my Sabbath morning.
With Thy joyous sunshine blest,
Happy is my day of rest!

- 2 Fount of all our joy and peace,
To Thy living waters lead me;
Thou from earth my soul release,
And with grace and mercy feed me.
Bless Thy Word, that it may prove
Rich in fruits that Thou dost love.
- 3 Kindle Thou the sacrifice
That upon my lips is lying;
Clear the shadows from mine eyes,
That, from every error flying,
No strange fire may in me glow
That Thine altar doth not know.

Lord's Day and Public Worship.

- 4 Let me with my heart to-day,
Holy, holy, holy, singing,
Rapt a while from earth away,
All my soul to Thee up-springing,
Have a foretaste, inly given,
How they worship Thee in heaven.

Benjamin Schmolck. 1715.

Tr. Catharine Winkworth. 1858.

46

C. M.

THIS is the day the Lord hath made;
He calls the hours His own:
Let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad,
And praise surround the throne.

- 2 To-day arose our glorious Head,
And death's dead empire fell;
To-day the saints His triumph spread,
And all his wonders tell.
- 3 Hosanna to the anointed King,
To David's holy Son;
Help us, O Lord,—descend and bring
Salvation from Thy throne.
- 4 Blest be the Lord, who comes to men
With messages of grace;
Who comes in God His Father's name
To save our sinful race.
- 5 Hosanna in the highest strains
The Church on earth can raise;
The highest heavens, in which he reigns,
Shall give Him nobler praise.

Isaac Watts. 1719.

Lord's Day and Public Worship.

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H. M.

WELCOME, delightful morn,
Thou day of sacred rest!
I hail thy kind return;
Lord, make these moments blest:
From the low train of mortal toys,
I soar to reach immortal joys.

2 Now may the King descend
And fill His throne of grace;
Thy sceptre, Lord, extend,
While saints address Thy face:
Let sinners feel Thy quickening word,
And learn to know and fear the Lord.

3 Descend, celestial Dove,
With all Thy quickening powers;
Disclose a Saviour's love,
And bless the sacred hours:
Then shall my soul new life obtain,
Nor Sabbaths e'er be spent in vain.
"Hayward." 1806.

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H. M.

A WAKE, ye saints, awake!
And hail this sacred day;
In loftiest songs of praise
Your joyful homage pay:
Come, bless the day that God hath blest,
The type of heaven's eternal rest.

2 On this all-glorious morn
The Lord of life arose;

Lord's Day and Public Worship.

He burst the bars of death,
And vanquished all our foes;
And now He pleads our cause above,
And reaps the fruit of all His love.

- 3 All hail, triumphant Lord!
Heaven with hosannas rings,
And earth in humbler strains,
Thy praise responsive sings:
Worthy the Lamb, that once was slain,
Through endless years to live and reign!

Elizabeth Scott. 1769.

Thomas Otterill. 1810.

49

S. M.

LORD, in this sacred hour
Within Thy courts we bend,
And bless Thy love, and own Thy power,
Our Father and our Friend.

- 2 But Thou art not alone
In courts by mortals trod;
Nor only is the day Thine own
When man draws near to God.
- 3 Thy temple is the arch
Of yon unmeasured sky;
Thy Sabbath, the stupendous march
Of Thine eternity.
- 4 Lord, may that holier day
Dawn on Thy servants' sight;
And purer worship may we pay
In heaven's unclouded light.

Stephen G. Bulfinch. 1832.

Lord's Day and Public Worship.

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O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness,
Most beautiful, most bright;
On thee, the high and lowly,
Bending before the throne,
Sing, Holy, Holy, Holy,
To the Great Three in One.

2 To-day on weary nations
The heavenly manna falls;
To holy convocations
The silver trumpet calls,
Where gospel light is glowing
With pure and radiant beams,
And living water flowing
With soul-refreshing streams.

3 New graces ever gaining
From this our day of rest,
We reach the rest remaining
To spirits of the blest:
To Holy Ghost be praises,
To Father and to Son;
The Church her voice upraises
To Thee, blest Three in One.

Christopher Wordsworth. 1862.

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SWEET the time, exceeding sweet,
When the saints together meet,
When the Saviour is the theme,
When they joy to think of Him.

Lord's Day and Public Worship.

- 2 Sing we then eternal love,
Such as did the Father move:
He beheld the world undone,
Loved the world, and gave His Son.
- 3 Sing the Son's amazing love;
How He left the realms above,
Took our nature and our place,
Lived and died to save our race.
- 4 Sing we, too, the Spirit's love;
With our stubborn hearts He strove,
Filled our minds with grief and fear,
Brought the precious Saviour near.
- 5 Sweet the place, exceeding sweet,
Where the saints in glory meet;
Where the Saviour's still the theme,
Where they see and sing of Him.

George Burder. 1779.

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TO Thy temple we repair—
Lord, we love to worship there,
When within the veil we meet
Thee upon the mercy seat.

- 2 While to Thee our prayers ascend,
Let Thine ear in love attend;
Hear us, for Thy Spirit pleads—
Hear, for Jesus intercedes.
- 3 While Thy word is heard with awe,
While we tremble at Thy law,
Let Thy gospel's wondrous love
Every doubt and fear remove.

Lord's Day and Public Worship.

- 4 From Thy house when we return,
Let our hearts within us burn;
That at evening we may say—
“We have walked with God to-day.”

James Montgomery. 1812.

53

L. M.

HOW lovely, how divinely sweet,
O Lord, Thy sacred courts appear!
Fain would my longing passions meet
The glories of Thy presence there.

- 2 Oh, blest the men, blest their employ,
Whom Thine indulgent favors raise
To dwell in those abodes of joy,
And sing Thy never-ceasing praise.
- 3 God is a sun; our brightest day
From His reviving presence flows;
God is a shield through all the way,
To guard us from surrounding foes.
- 4 O Lord of hosts, Thou God of grace,
How blest, divinely blest, is he
Who trusts Thy love and seeks Thy face,
And fixes all his hopes on Thee!

Anne Steele. 1760.

54

L. M.

PRAISE, Lord, for Thee in Zion waits;
Prayer shall besiege Thy temple gates;
And flesh shall to Thy throne repair,
And find, through Christ, salvation there.

Lord's Day and Public Worship.

- 2 How blest Thy saints! how safely led!
How surely kept! how richly fed!
Saviour of all in earth and sea,
How happy they who rest in Thee!
- 3 Thy hand sets fast the mighty hills,
Thy voice the troubled ocean stills;
Evening and morning hymn Thy praise,
And earth Thy bounty wide displays.
- 4 The year is with Thy goodness crowned;
Thy clouds drop wealth the world around;
Through Thee the deserts laugh and sing,
And nature smiles and owns her King.
- 5 Lord, on our souls Thy Spirit pour;
The moral waste within restore;
Oh, let Thy love our spring-tide be,
And make us all bear fruit to Thee.

Henry F. Lyte. 1834.

55

L. M.

- SWEET is the work, my God, my King,
To praise Thy name, give thanks and sing
To show Thy love by morning light,
And talk of all Thy truth at night.
- 2 Sweet is the day of sacred rest:
No mortal care shall fill my breast;
My heart shall triumph in the Lord,
And bless His works, and bless His word.
 - 3 And I shall share a glorious part,
When grace has well refined my heart,
When doubts and fears no more remain,
To break my inward peace again.

Lord's Day and Public Worship.

- 4 Then shall I see and hear and know
All I desired or wished below;
And every power find sweet employ
In that eternal world of joy.

Isaac Watts. 1719 a.

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NOW may He Who from the dead
Brought the Shepherd of the sheep,
Jesus Christ, our King and Head,
All our souls in safety keep!

- 2 May He teach us to fulfil
What is pleasing in His sight;
Perfect us in all His will,
And preserve us day and night!

- 3 Great Redeemer! Thee we praise,
Who the covenant sealed with blood;
While our hearts and voices raise
Loud thanksgivings unto God.

John Newton. 1779.

57

C. M.

I N Thy great name, O Lord, we come,
To worship at Thy feet;
Oh, may Thy Holy Spirit rest
On all that now shall meet.

- 2 We come to hear Jehovah speak,
To hear the Saviour's voice:
Thy face and favor, Lord, we seek,
Now make our hearts rejoice.

Lord's Day and Public Worship.

- 3 Teach us to pray and praise, and hear
And understand Thy word;
To feel Thy blissful presence near,
And trust our living Lord.
- 4 Here let Thy power and grace be felt
Thy love and mercy known;
Our icy hearts, dear Jesus, melt,
And break this flinty stone.
- 5 Let sinners, Lord, Thy goodness prove,
And saints rejoice in Thee;
Let rebels be subdued by love,
And to the Saviour flee.
- 6 This house with grace and glory fill,
This congregation bless;
Thy great salvation now reveal,
Thy glorious righteousness.

Joseph Hoskins. 1789.

58

L. M.

- E**RE to the world again we go,
Its pleasures, cares, and idle show,
Thy grace, once more, O God, we crave,
From folly and from sin to save.
- 2 May the great truths we here have heard,
The lessons of Thy holy word,
Dwell in our inmost bosoms deep,
And all our souls from error keep.
 - 3 Oh, may the influence of this day
Long as our memory with us stay,
And as a constant guardian prove,
To guide us to our home above.

Anon. 1845.

Lord's Day and Public Worship.

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H. M.

L ORD of the worlds above,
How pleasant and how fair
The dwellings of Thy love,
Thine earthly temples are!
To Thine abode my heart aspires,
With warm desires to see my God.

2 O happy souls that pray
Where God appoints to hear!
O happy men that pay
Their constant service there!
They praise Thee still; and happy they,
Who love the way to Zion's hill.

3 They go from strength to strength,
Through this dark vale of tears,
Till each arrives at length,
Till each in heaven appears:
O glorious seat, when God our King
Shall thither bring our willing feet!

Isaac Watts. 1719.

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A BIDE with us, our Saviour,
Nor let Thy mercy cease;
From Satan's might defend us,
And grant our souls release.

2 Abide with us, our Saviour
Sustain us by Thy Word;
That we with all Thy people
To life may be restored.

Lord's Day and Public Worship.

- 3 Abide with us, our Saviour,
Thou Light of endless Light;
Increase to us Thy blessings,
And save us by Thy might.

Joshua Stegmann. 1630.

Tr. Unknown. 1848.

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L. M.

DISMISS us with Thy blessing, Lord!
Help us to feed upon Thy word;
All that has been amiss, forgive,
And let Thy truth within us live.

- 2 Though we are guilty, Thou art good;
Wash all our works in Jesus' blood;
Give every burdened soul release,
And bid us all depart in peace.

Joseph Hart. 1762.

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SAVIOUR, again to Thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,
And now, departing, wait Thy word of peace.

- 2 Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day;
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from
shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy name.
- 3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming
night;
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light;
From harm and danger keep Thy children free,
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.

Lord's Day and Public Worship.

- 4 Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife;
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict
cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

John Ellerton. 1866 a.

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S. M.

L ORD, at this closing hour,
Establish every heart
Upon Thy word of truth and power,
To keep us when we part.

- 2 Peace to our brethren give;
Fill all our hearts with love;
In faith and patience may we live,
And seek our rest above.
- 3 Through changes, bright or drear,
We would Thy will pursue;
And toil to spread Thy kingdom here,
Till we its glory view.
- 4 To God, the only wise,
In every age adored,
Let glory from the Church arise,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Eleazar T. Fitch. 1845.

64

7s.

F OR a season called to part,
Let us now ourselves commend
To the gracious eye and heart
Of our ever present Friend.

Lord's Day and Public Worship.

- 2 Jesus, hear our humble prayer!
Tender Shepherd of Thy sheep,
Let Thy mercy and Thy care
All our souls in safety keep.
- 3 In Thy strength may we be strong,
Sweeten every cross and pain;
Give us, if we live, ere long
In Thy peace to meet again.
- 4 Then, if Thou Thy help afford,
Ebenezers shall be reared;
And our souls shall praise the Lord
Who our poor petitions heard.

John Newton. 1776.

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MAY the grace of Christ, our Saviour,
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.

- 2 Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys which earth cannot afford.

John Newton. 1779.

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L ORD, dismiss us with Thy blessing—
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace;

Lord's Day and Public Worship.

Oh, refresh us! Oh, refresh us!
Traveling through this wilderness,
Oh, refresh us!
Traveling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give, and adoration,
For Thy gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of Thy salvation
In our hearts and lives abound,
May Thy presence
With us evermore be found.

3 So, whene'er the signal's given,
Us from earth to call away,
Borne on angel's wings to heaven,
Glad the summons to obey,
May we, ready,
Rise and reign in endless day!

John Fawcett. 1773.

67

9, 8, 8, 9.

GOD be with you till we meet again!
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again!

CHO.—Till we meet! till we meet!
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet! till we meet!
God be with you till we meet again!

2 God be with you till we meet again!
'Neath His wings securely hide you,
Daily manna still divide you;
God be with you till we meet again!

Praise to God.

- 3 God be with you till we meet again!
When life's perils thick confound you,
Put His arms unfailing round you;
God be with you till we meet again!
- 4 God be with you till we meet again!
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threatening wave before you;
God be with you till we meet again!

John E. Rankin. 1880.

PRAISE TO GOD.

68

L. M.

- B**EFORE Jehovah's awful throne,
Ye nations, bow with sacred joy;
Know that the Lord is God alone,
He can create, and He destroy.
- 2 His sovereign power, without our aid,
Made us of clay, and formed us men;
And, when like wandering sheep we strayed,
He brought us to His fold again.
- 3 We are His people, we His care,
Our souls and all our mortal frame;
What lasting honors shall we rear,
Almighty Maker, to Thy name!
- 4 We'll crowd Thy gates with thankful songs,
High as the heavens our voices raise;
And earth, with her ten thousand tongues,
Shall fill Thy courts with sounding praise.

Praise to God.

- 5 Wide as the world is Thy command,
Vast as eternity Thy love;
Firm as a rock Thy truth must stand,
When rolling years shall cease to move.
Isaac Watts. 1719 a.

69

L. M.

- O** HOLY, Holy, Holy Lord!
Thou God of hosts, by all adored;
The earth and heavens are full of Thee,
Thy light, Thy power, Thy majesty.
- 2 Loud alleluias to Thy name,
Angels and seraphim proclaim;
By all the powers and thrones in Heaven
Eternal praise to Thee is given.
- 3 Apostles join the glorious throng,
And swell the loud, triumphant song;
Prophets and martyrs hear the sound,
And spread the alleluias round.
- 4 Glory to Thee, O God most high!
Father, we praise Thy majesty;
The Son, the Spirit we adore,—
One Godhead, blest for evermore!

Anon.

70

L. M.

- G**IVE to our God immortal praise!
Mercy and truth are all His ways.
Wonders of grace to God belong:
Repeat His mercies in your song.

Praise to God.

- 2 Give to the Lord of lords renown,
The King of kings with glory crown,
His mercies ever shall endure,
When lords and kings are known no more.
- 3 He sent His Son with power to save
From guilt and darkness and the grave.
Wonders of grace to God belong:
Repeat His mercies in your song.
- 4 Through this vain world He guides our feet,
And leads us to His heavenly seat.
His mercies ever shall endure,
When this vain world shall be no more.

Isaac Watts. 1719.

71

S. M.

- O** BLESS the Lord, my soul!
Let all within me join,
And aid my tongue to bless His name
Whose favors are divine.
- 2 O, bless the Lord, my soul!
Nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness,
And without praises die.
- 3 'Tis He forgives thy sins;
'Tis He relieves thy pain;
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses,
And gives thee strength again.
- 4 He crowns thy life with love,
When rescued from the grave;
He that redeemed our souls from death
Hath sovereign power to save.

Praise to God.

- 5 He fills the poor with good;
He gives the sufferers rest:
The Lord hath judgments for the proud,
And justice for th' oppressed.
- 6 His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known;
But sent the world His truth and grace
By His belovèd Son.

Isaac Watts. 1719 a.

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HOLY, holy, holy Lord!
Be Thy glorious name adored.
Lord, Thy mercies never fail:
Hail, celestial Goodness, hail!

- 2 Though unworthy, Lord, Thine ear,
Deign our humble songs to hear.
Purer praise we hope to bring,
When around Thy throne we sing.
- 3 There no tongue shall silent be;
All shall join in harmony;
That through heaven's capacious round
Praise to Thee may ever sound.
- 4 Lord, Thy mercies never fail:
Hail, celestial Goodness, hail!
Holy, holy, holy Lord!
Be Thy glorious Name adored.

Benjamin Williams. 1778 a.

Praise to God.

73

S. M.

MY soul, repeat His praise
Whose mercies are so great;
Whose anger is so slow to rise,
So ready to abate.

2 God will not always chide;
And, when His wrath is felt,
His strokes are fewer than our crimes,
And lighter than our guilt.

3 High as the heavens are raised
Above the ground we tread,
So far the riches of His grace
Our highest thoughts exceed.

4 His grace subdues our sins,
And His forgiving love
Far as the east is from the west
Doth all our guilt remove.

5 The pity of the Lord,
To those who fear His name,
Is such as tender parents feel;
He knows our feeble frame.

6 Our days are as the grass,
Or like the morning flower;
If one sharp blast sweep o'er the field,
It withers in an hour.

7 But Thy compassions, Lord,
To endless years endure;
And children's children ever find
Thy words of promise sure.

Isaac Watts. 1719.

Praise to God.

74

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BE joyful in God, all ye lands of the earth;
O, serve Him with gladness and fear;
Exult in His presence with music and mirth;
With love and devotion draw near.

- 2 For Jehovah is God, and Jehovah alone,
Creator and Ruler o'er all;
And we are His people, His sceptre we own;
His sheep, and we follow His call.
- 3 O, enter His gates with thanksgiving and song;
Your vows in His temple proclaim;
His praise with melodious accordance prolong,
And bless His adorable name.
- 4 For good is the Lord, inexpressibly good,
And we are the work of His hand;
His mercy and truth from eternity stood,
And shall to eternity stand.

James Montgomery. 1822.

75

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O WORSHIP the King, all-glorious above,
And gratefully sing His wonderful love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

- 2 O, tell of His might, and sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds
form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Praise to God.

- 3 Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.
- 4 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender! how firm to the end
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

Sir Robert Grant. 1833.

76

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O LORD of heaven, and earth, and sea,
To Thee all praise and glory be;
How shall we show our love to Thee,
Who givest all?

2 For peaceful homes, and healthful days,
For all the blessings earth displays
We owe Thee thankfulness and praise,
Who givest all.

3 Thou didst not spare Thine only Son,
But gavest Him for a world undone,
And freely with that blessed One
Thou givest all.

4 For souls redeemed, for sins forgiven,
For means of grace and hopes of heaven,
Father, what can to Thee be given,
Who givest all?

5 We lose what on ourselves we spend,
We have as treasure without end
Whatever, Lord, to Thee we lend,
Who givest all.

Christopher Wordsworth. 1863.

Praise to God.

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NOW thank we all our God,
With heart and hand and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In Whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.

- 2 O, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

- 3 All praise and thanks to God
The Father, now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest Heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and Heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

*Martin Rinkart. 1648.
Tr. Catherine Winkworth. 1858.*

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O GOD, the Rock of Ages,
Who evermore hast been,
What time the tempest rages,
Our dwelling-place serene:

Praise to God.

Before Thy first creations,
O Lord, the same as now,
To endless generations,
The Everlasting Thou!

2 Our years are like the shadows
On sunny hills that lie,
Or grasses in the meadows
That blossom but to die:
A sleep, a dream, a story,
By strangers quickly told,
An unremaining glory
Of things that soon are old.

3 O Thou who canst not slumber,
Whose light grows never pale,
Teach us aright to number
Our years before they fail!
On us Thy mercy lighten,
On us Thy goodness rest,
And let Thy Spirit brighten
The hearts Thyself hast blessed!

Edward H. Bickersteth. 1860.

79

L. M.

FROM all who dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.

2 Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends Thy word,
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Praise to God.

- 3 Your lofty themes, ye mortals, bring;
In songs of praise divinely sing;
The great salvation loud proclaim,
And shout for joy the Saviour's name.
- 4 In every land begin the song;
To every land the strains belong;
In cheerful sounds all voices raise,
And fill the world with loudest praise.

Isaac Watts. 1719.

80

C. M.

- O** GOD! we praise Thee, and confess
That Thou the only Lord
And everlasting Father art,
By all the earth adored.
- 2 To Thee all angels cry aloud;
To Thee the powers on high,
Both cherubim and seraphim,
Continually do cry:—
- 3 O holy, holy, holy Lord,
Whom heavenly hosts obey,
The world is with the glory filled
Of Thy majestic sway!
- 4 Th' apostles' glorious company,
And prophets crowned with light,
With all the martyrs' noble host,
Thy constant praise recite.
- 5 The holy Church throughout the world,
O Lord, confesses Thee,
That Thou th' eternal Father art,
Of boundless majesty.

Tr. Nahum Tate. 1702.

Praise to God.

81

S. M.

COME, sound His praise abroad,
And hymns of glory sing!
Jehovah is the sov' reign God,
The universal King.

2 He formed the deeps unknown;
He gave the seas their bound;
The watery worlds are all His own,
And all the solid ground.

3 Come, worship at His throne;
Come, bow before the Lord;
We are His work and not our own,
He formed us by His word.

4 To-day attend His voice,
Nor dare provoke His rod;
Come, like the people of His choice,
And own your gracious God!

Isaac Watts. 1719.

82

L. M.

BLESS, O my soul! the living God;
Call home thy thoughts that rove abroad;
Let all the powers within me join
In work and worship so divine.

2 Bless, O my soul! the God of Grace:
His favors claim thy highest praise;
Why should the wonders He hath wrought
Be lost in silence, and forgot?

Praise to God.

3 'Tis He, my soul, that sent His Son
To die for crimes which thou hast done:
He owns the ransom, and forgives
The hourly follies of our lives.

4 Let every land His power confess;
Let all the earth adore His grace:
My heart and tongue with rapture join,
In work and worship so divine.

Isaac Watts. 1719.

83

C. M.

WHAT shall I render to my God
For all His gifts to me?
Sing, heaven and earth, rejoice and praise
His glorious majesty.

2 O let me praise Thee while I live,
And praise Thee when I die,
And praise Thee when I rise again,
And to eternity.

3 Mysterious depths of endless love
Our admiration raise:
My God, Thy name exalted is
Far above all our praise.

John Mason. 1683.

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PRAISE the Lord! ye heavens, adore Him,
Praise Him, angels in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.

Praise to God.

2 Praise the Lord—for He hath spoken;
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed;
Laws which never shall be broken,
For their guidance He hath made.

3 Praise the Lord—for He is glorious;
Never shall His promise fail;
God hath made His saints victorious,
Sin and death shall not prevail.

4. Praise the God of our salvation,
Hosts on high His power proclaim;
Heaven and earth, and all creation,
Laud and magnify His name.

Anon. 1801.

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SING praise to God who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love,
The God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul He fills,
And every faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!

2 The angel-host, O King of kings,
Thy praise forever telling,
In earth and sky all living things
Beneath Thy shadow dwelling,
Adore the wisdom which could span,
And power which formed creation's plan:
To God all praise and glory.

Praise to God.

3 What God's almighty power hath made,
His gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade
His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of His might,
Lo! all is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory.

4 The Lord is never far away,
But, through all grief distressing,
An ever-present help and stay,
Our peace and joy and blessing;
As with a mother's tender hand,
He leads His own; His chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.

5 Thus all my toilsome way along,
I sing aloud Thy praises,
That men may hear the grateful song
My voice unwearied raises:
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
Both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

*Johann J. Schütz. 1675.
Tr. Frances E. Cox. 1864.*

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L ORD, with glowing heart I'd praise Thee
For the bliss Thy love bestows,
For the pardoning grace that saves me,
And the peace that from it flows:
Help, O God, my weak endeavor;
This dull soul to rapture raise:
Thou must light the flame, or never
Can my love be warmed to praise.

Praise to God.

2 Praise, my soul, the God that sought thee,
Wretched wanderer, far astray;
Found thee lost, and kindly brought thee
From the paths of death away;
Praise, with love's devoutest feeling,
Him who saw thy guilt-born fear,
And, the light of hope revealing,
Bade the blood-stained cross appear.

3 Lord, this bosom's ardent feeling
Vainly would my lips express;
Low before Thy footstool kneeling,
Deign Thy suppliant's prayer to bless:
Let Thy grace, my soul's chief treasure,
Love's pure flame within me raise;
And, since words can never measure,
Let my life show forth Thy praise.

Francis S. Key. 1823.

87

H. M.

LET every creature join
To bless Jehovah's name,
And every power unite
To swell th' exalted theme;
Let nature raise,
From every tongue,
A general song
Of grateful praise.

2 But oh, from human tongues
Should nobler praises flow,
And every thankful heart
With warm devotion glow:

Praise to God.

Your voices raise,
Ye highly blest;
Above the rest
Declare His praise.

- 3 Assist me, gracious God;
My heart, my voice inspire;
Then shall I humbly join
The universal choir;
Thy grace can raise
My heart and tongue,
And tune my song
To lively praise.

Isaac Watts. 1719.

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COME, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise:
Teach me some melodious measure,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Fill my soul with sacred pleasure,
While I sing redeeming love.

- 2 Here I raise mine Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I've come,
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

Praise to God.

- 3 O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee!
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love—
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Robert Robinson. 1757 a.

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- T**HERE'S a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner,
And more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Saviour;
There is healing in His blood.
- 2 There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment given.
There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.
- 3 For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.

Praise to God.

If our love were but more simple,
We should take Him at His word;
And our lives would be all sunshine
In the sweetness of our Lord.

Frederick W. Faber. 1854.

90

C. M.

YE humble souls, approach your God
With songs of sacred praise;
For He is good, immensely good,
And kind are all His ways.

2 All nature owns His guardian care;
In Him we live and move:
But nobler benefits declare
The wonders of His love.

3 He gave His Son, His only Son
To ransom us from sin:
'Tis thus He makes His goodness known,—
Where shall our praise begin!

4 To this dear refuge, Lord, we come;
On this our hope relies;
A safe defence, a peaceful home,
When storms of trouble rise.

Anne Steele. 1760 a.

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I'LL praise my Maker whilst I've breath;
And, when my voice is lost in death,
Praise shall employ my nobler powers;
My days of praise shall ne'er be past
Whilst life and thought and being last,
Or immortality endures.

Praise to God.

- 2 Happy the man whose hopes rely
On Israel's God, who made the sky,
And earth, and seas, with all their train,
His truth for ever stands secure;
He saves th' oppressed, He feeds the poor;
And none shall find His promise vain.
- 3 The Lord pours eyesight on the blind;
The Lord supports the fainting mind;
He sends the laboring conscience peace;
He helps the stranger in distress,
The widow and the fatherless,
And grants the prisoner sweet release.
- 4 I'll praise Him while He lends me breath,
And, when my voice is lost in death,
Praise shall employ my nobler powers;
My days of praise shall ne'er be past,
Whilst life and thought and being last,
Or immortality endures.

Isaac Watts. 1719 a.

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C. M.

HOLY and reverend is the name
Of our eternal King;
Thrice holy, Lord! the angels cry:
Thrice holy let us sing.

- 2 Holy is He in all His works,
And saints are His delight;
But sinners and their wicked ways
Shall perish from His sight.

Praise to God.

- 3 The deepest reverence, homage, love,
Pay, O my soul, to God;
Lift with thy hands a holy heart
To His sublime abode.
- 4 Thou, righteous God! preserve my soul
From all pollution free;
The pure in heart are Thy delight,
And they Thy face shall see.

John Needham. 1763 a.

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S. M.

- TO God the only wise,
Our Saviour and our King,
Let all the saints below the skies
Their humble praises bring.
- 2 'Tis His almighty love,
His counsel and His care,
Preserves us safe from sin and death,
And every hurtful snare.
- 3 He will present our souls
Unblemished and complete,
Before the glory of His face,
With joys divinely great.
- 4 Then all His faithful sons
Shall meet around the throne,
Shall bless the conduct of His grace,
And make His wonders known.
- 5 To our Redeemer, God,
Wisdom and power belongs,
Immortal crowns of majesty,
And everlasting songs.

Isaac Watts. 1709 a.

Praise to God.

94 L. M.

THEE we adore, eternal Lord!
We praise Thy name with one accord;
Thy saints, who here Thy goodness see,
Through all the world do worship Thee.

2 To Thee aloud all angels cry,
The heavens and all the powers on high,
Thee, holy, holy, holy King,
Lord God of hosts, they ever sing.

3 The apostles join the glorious throng;
The prophets swell th' immortal song;
The martyrs' noble army raise
Eternal anthems to Thy praise.

4 From day to day, O Lord, do we
Highly exalt and honor Thee:
Thy name we worship and adore
World without end, for evermore.

5 Vouchsafe, O Lord, we humbly pray,
To keep us safe from sin this day;
Have mercy, Lord, we trust in Thee;
O, let us ne'er confounded be.

John Gambold. 1754.

Tr. Thomas Cotterill. 1815 a.

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THANK and praise Jehovah's name!
For His mercies, firm and sure,
From eternity the same,
To eternity endure.

Praise to God.

- 2 Let the ransomed thus rejoice,
Gathered out of every land,
As the people of His choice,
Plucked from the destroyer's hand.
- 3 To a pleasant land He brings,
Where the vine and olive grow,
Where, from flowery hills, the springs
Through luxuriant valleys flow.
- 4 Oh, that men would praise the Lord
For His goodness to their race;
For the wonders of His word,
And the riches of His grace!

James Montgomery. 1822.

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GOD of mercy, God of grace,
Show the brightness of Thy face:
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine;
Fill Thy Church with light divine;
And Thy saving health extend
To the earth's remotest end.

- 2 Let the people praise Thee, Lord!
Be by all that live adored:
Let the nations shout and sing,
Glory to their Saviour King;
At Thy feet their tribute pay,
And Thy holy will obey.

- 3 Let the people praise Thee, Lord!
Earth shall then her fruits afford;

Praise to God.

God to man His blessings give;
Man to God devoted live;
All below, and all above,
One in joy, and light, and love.

Henry F. Lyte. 1834.

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C. M.

GREAT God, how infinite art Thou!
How frail and weak are we!
Let the whole race of creatures bow
And pay their praise to Thee.

2 Thy throne eternal ages stood,
Ere earth or heaven was made;
Thou art the ever-living God,
Were all the nations dead.

3 Nature and time all open lie
To Thine immense survey,
From the formation of the sky
To the last awful day.

4 Eternity, with all its years,
Stands present to Thy view;
To Thee there's nothing old appears.
To Thee there's nothing new.

5 Our lives through various scenes are drawn,
And vexed with trifling cares;
While Thine eternal thought moves on
Thine undisturbed affairs.

Isaac Watts. 1707 a.

Praise to God.

98

L. M.

THE Lord is King! lift up thy voice,
O earth, and all ye heavens, rejoice!
From world to world the joy shall ring:
“The Lord omnipotent is King!”

- 2 The Lord is King! who then shall dare
Resist His will, distrust His care?
Holy and true are all His ways:
Let every creature speak His praise.
- 3 The Lord is King! exalt your strains:
Ye saints, your God, your Father reigns;
One Lord one empire all secures:
He reigns, and life and death are yours.
- 4 Oh, when His wisdom can mistake,
His might decay, His love forsake,
Then may His children cease to sing,
“The Lord omnipotent is King!”

Josiah Conder. 1824.

99

C. M.

L ORD, all I am is known to Thee;
In vain my soul would try
To shun Thy presence, or to flee
The notice of Thine eye.

- 2 Thine all-surrounding sight surveys
My rising and my rest,
My public walks, my private ways,
And secrets of my breast.

Praise to God.

- 3 My thoughts lie open to Thee, Lord,
Before they're formed within;
And ere my lips pronounce the word,
Thou knowest the sense I mean.
- 4 Oh, wondrous knowledge, deep and high!
Where can a creature hide?
Within Thy circling arms I lie,
Beset on every side.
- 5 So let Thy grace surround me still,
And like a bulwark prove,
To guard my soul from every ill,
Secured by sovereign love.

Isaac Watts. 1719 a.

100 L. M.

- UP to the hills I lift mine eyes,
Th' eternal hills beyond the skies;
Thence all her help my soul derives,
There my almighty Refuge lives.
- 2 He lives—the everlasting God
That built the world, that spread the flood,
The heavens with all their hosts He made,
And the dark regions of the dead.
- 3 He guides our feet, He guards our way;
His morning smiles bless all the day:
Our holy Guardian's wakeful eyes
Admit no slumber, nor surprise.
- 4 Should earth and hell with malice burn,
Still thou shalt go, and still return,
Safe in the Lord; His heavenly care
Defends Thy life from every snare.

Isaac Watts. 1719 a.

Praise to God.

101

C. M.

MY God, how wonderful Thou art,
Thy majesty how bright!
How glorious is Thy mercy seat,
In depths of burning light!

2 Yet I may love Thee too, O Lord,
Almighty as Thou art;
For Thou hast stooped to ask of me
The love of my poor heart.

3 No earthly father loves like Thee,
No mother half so mild
Bears and forbears, as thou hast done
With me, Thy sinful child.

4 My God, how wonderful Thou art,
Thou everlasting Friend!
On Thee I stay my trusting heart,
Till faith in vision end.

Frederick W. Faber. 1848.

102

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GOD is love; His mercy brightens
All the path in which we rove;
Bliss He wakes and woe He lightens;
God is wisdom, God is love.

2 Chance and change are busy ever;
Man decays and ages move;
But His mercy waneth never;
God is wisdom, God is love.

Praise to God.

3 Even the hour that darkest seemeth,
Will His changeless goodness prove;
From the gloom His brightness streameth:
God is wisdom, God is love.

4 He with earthly cares entwineth
Hope and comfort from above:
Everywhere His glory shineth;
God is wisdom, God is love.

John Bowring. 1825 a.

103

H. M.

GIVE thanks to God most high,
The universal Lord,
The sov'reign King of kings;
And be His grace adored.
His power and grace are still the same;
And let His name have endless praise.

2 He saw the nations lie
All perishing in sin,
And pitied the sad state
The ruined world was in.
Thy mercy, Lord, shall still endure,
And ever sure abides Thy word.

3 He sent His only Son
To save us from our woe,
From Satan, sin, and death,
And every hurtful foe.
His power and grace are still the same,
And let His name have endless praise.

Praise to God.

- 4 Give thanks aloud to God,
To God the Heavenly King;
And let the spacious earth
His works and glories sing.
Thy mercy, Lord, shall still endure,
And ever sure abides Thy word.

Isaac Watts. 1719.

104

C. M.

- WE sing th' almighty power of God
Who bade the mountains rise,
Who spread the flowing seas abroad,
And built the lofty skies.
- 2 Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,
Where'er we turn our eyes,
Whether we view the ground we tread,
Or gaze upon the skies!
- 3 There's not a plant nor flower below,
But makes Thy glories known:
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from Thy throne.
- 4 On Thee each moment we depend;
If Thou withdraw, we die.
Oh, may we ne'er that God offend,
Who is forever nigh!

Isaac Watts. 1715.

105

C. M.

- THE Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want:
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

Praise to God.

- 2 My soul He doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
Even for His own Name's sake.
- 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill;
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.
- 4 My table Thou hast furnishèd
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.
- 5 Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling-place shall be.

Scotch version, 1650.

106

Psalm 124 C. M.

MAKER of all things, mighty Lord!
We own Thy power divine;
The winds and waves obey Thy word,
For all their strength is Thine.

- 2 Wide as the wintry tempests sweep,
They work Thy sovereign will;
Thy voice is heard upon the deep,
And all its waves are still.
- 3 When dangers threat in every form,
And death itself is near;
O God, amidst the raging storm,
We're safe beneath Thy care.

Praise to God.

- 4 With trembling hope on Thee we stay
To rescue from the grave;
Thou, whom the elements obey,
Art ever near to save.

*Philip Doddridge. 1737 a.
Edward Osler. 1836.*

107

L. M.

- SING to the Lord, who loud proclaims
His various and His saving names:
Oh, may they not be heard alone,
But by our sure experience known.
- 2 Awake, our noblest powers, to bless
The God of Abra'm, God of peace;
Now by a dearer title known,
Father and God of Christ His Son.
- 3 Through every age His gracious ear
Is open to His servants' prayer;
Nor can one humble soul complain
That it hath sought its God in vain.
- 4 What unbelieving heart shall dare
In whispers to suggest a fear,
While still He owns His ancient name,
The same His power, His love the same.
- 5 To Thee our souls in faith arise,
To Thee we lift expecting eyes,
And boldly through the desert tread;
For God will guard, where God shall lead.

Philip Doddridge. 1750 a.

Praise to God.

108 *When all Thy mercies, O my God,* C. M.

WHEN all Thy mercies, O my God,
My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost
In wonder, love and praise.

2 Unnumbered comforts on my soul
Thy tender care bestowed,
Before my infant heart conceived
From whom those comforts flowed.

3 Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
My daily thanks employ;
Nor is the least a cheerful heart,
That tastes those gifts with joy.

4 Through every period of my life
Thy goodness I'll pursue;
And after death, in distant worlds,
The glorious theme renew.

5 Through all eternity to Thee
A grateful song I'll raise;
But oh, eternity's too short
To utter all Thy praise.

Joseph Addison. 1712.

109 L. M.

LORD God of hosts, by all adored!
Thy name we praise with one accord;
The earth and heavens are full of Thee,
Thy light, Thy love, Thy majesty.

Praise to Christ.

- 2 Loud hallelujahs to Thy name
Angels and seraphim proclaim;
Eternal praise to Thee is given
By all the powers and thrones in heaven.
- 3 The apostles join the glorious throng;
The prophets aid to swell the song;
The noble and triumphant host
Of martyrs make of Thee their boast.
- 4 The holy Church in every place
Throughout the world exalts Thy praise;
Both heaven and earth do worship Thee,
Thou Father of eternity!
- 5 From day to day, O Lord, do we
Highly exalt and honor Thee;
Thy name we worship and adore,
World without end, for evermore.

John Gambold. 1754.

Tr. Thomas Cotterill. 1815.

PRAISE TO CHRIST.

110

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O SAVIOUR, precious Saviour,
Whom yet unseen we love!
O Name of might and favor,
All other names above!
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee, and confess Thee
Our holy Lord and King.

Praise to Christ.

- 2 O bringer of salvation,
Who wondrously hast wrought,
Thyself the revelation
Of love beyond our thought;
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee, and confess Thee
Our gracious Lord and King.
- 3 In Thee all fulness dwelleth,
All grace and power divine;
The glory that excelleth,
O Son of God, is Thine;
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee, and confess Thee
Our glorious Lord and King.
- 4 O grant the consummation
Of this our song above,
In endless adoration,
And everlasting love!
Then shall we praise and bless Thee
Where perfect praises ring,
And evermore confess Thee
Our Saviour and our King.

Frances Ridley Havergal. 1870.

111

10, 7, 10, 8,

BEAUTIFUL Saviour! King of Creation!
Son of God and Son of man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Praise to Christ.

- 2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flowers of blooming Spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels in the sky.
- 4 Beautiful Saviour! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and for evermore be Thine!

*Hymn of XII Century.
Tr. Joseph A. Seiss. 1873.*

112

C. M.

HOSANNA to the royal Son
Of David's ancient line,
His natures two, His person one,
Mysterious and divine.

- 2 The root of David, here we find,
And offspring is the same;
Eternity and time are joined
In our Immanuel's name.
- 3 Blest He that comes to wretched men
With peaceful news from heaven;
Hosannas of the highest strain
To Christ the Lord be given.

Praise to Christ.

- 4 Let mortals ne'er refuse to take
Th' hosanna on their tongues,
Lest rocks and stones should rise, and break
From silence into songs.

Isaac Watts. 1707.

113 C. M.

JESUS, the very thought of Thee
With gladness fills my breast;
But dearer far Thy face to see,
And in Thy presence rest.

- 2 Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name,
O Saviour of mankind!

- 3 O Hope of every contrite heart,
O Joy of all the meek!
To those who fall, how kind Thou art,
How good to those who seek!

- 4 And those who find Thee, find a bliss
Nor tongue nor pen can show:
The love of Jesus—what it is,
None but His loved ones know.

- 5 Jesus, our only joy be Thou!
As Thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be Thou our glory now,
And through eternity!

*Bernard of Clairvaux. 1091-1153
Tr. Edward Caswall. 1849 a.*

Praise to Christ.

114

C. M.

ALL hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!

2 Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,
Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod,
And crown Him Lord of all!

3 Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!

4 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng,
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Edward Perronet. 1780 a.

115

C. M.

O JESUS, King most wonderful,
Thou Conqueror renowned,
Thou Sweetness most ineffable,
In whom all joys are found!

2 When once Thou visitest the heart,
Then truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanities depart,
Then kindles love divine.

Praise to Christ.

- 3 O Jesus, Light of all below!
Thou Fount of life and fire!
Surpassing all the joys we know,
All that we can desire,—
- 4 May every heart confess Thy name,
And ever Thee adore;
And, seeking Thee, itself inflame
To seek Thee more and more.
- 5 Thee may our tongues forever bless;
Thee may we love alone:
And ever in our life express
The image of Thine own.

*Bernard of Clairvaux. 1091-1153.
Tr. Edward Caswall. 1848.*

116

L. M.

- G**REAT God! to what a glorious height
Hast thou advanced the Lord, Thy Son!
Angels, in all their robes of light,
Are made the servants of His throne.
- 2 Before His feet their armies wait,
And swift as flames of fire they move,
To manage His affairs of state,
In works of vengeance, or of love.
- 3 Now they are sent to guide our feet,
Up to the gates of Thine abode,
Through all the dangers that we meet,
In traveling o'er the heavenly road.
- 4 Lord! when we leave this mortal ground,
And Thou shalt bid us rise and come—
Send Thy beloved angels down,
Safe to conduct our spirits home.

Isaac Watts. 1709.

Praise to Christ.

117

C. M.

I'VE found the pearl of greatest price;
My heart doth sing for joy;
And sing I must, for Christ is mine—
Christ shall my song employ.

2 Christ is my Prophet, Priest, and King:
My Prophet full of light;
My great High Priest before the throne;
My King of heavenly might.

3 For He indeed is Lord of lords,
And He the King of kings;
He is the Sun of Righteousness,
With healing in His wings.

4 Christ is my Peace: He died for me,
For me He gave His blood;
And, as my wondrous sacrifice,
Offered Himself to God.

5 Christ Jesus is my All in All,
My comfort and my love;
My life below, and He shall be
My joy and crown above.

John Mason. 1683 a.

118

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JESUS, Thy name I love,
All other names above,
Jesus, my Lord!
Oh, Thou art all to me!
Nothing to please I see,
Nothing apart from Thee,
Jesus, my Lord!

Praise to Christ.

2 Thou, blessèd Son of God,
Hast bought me with Thy blood,
Jesus, my Lord!
Oh, how great is Thy love,
All other loves above,
Love that I daily prove,
Jesus, my Lord!

3 When unto Thee I flee,
Thou wilt my refuge be,
Jesus, my Lord!
What need I now to fear?
What earthly grief or care,
Since Thou art ever near,
Jesus, my Lord?

4 Soon Thou wilt come again,
I shall be happy then,
Jesus, my Lord!
Then Thine own face I'll see,
Then I shall like Thee be,
Then evermore with Thee,
Jesus, my Lord!

James G. Deck. 1842.

119

6s, 4s.

GLORY to God on high!
Let heaven and earth reply,
"Praise ye His name!"
His love and grace adore,
Who all our sorrows bore;
Sing loud forevermore,
"Worthy the Lamb!"

Praise to Christ.

2 While they around the throne
Cheerfully join in one,
Praising His name,—
Ye who have felt His blood
Sealing your peace with God,
Sound His dear name abroad,
“Worthy the Lamb!”

3 Join, all ye ransomed race,
Our Lord and God to bless:
Praise ye His name!
In Him we will rejoice,
And make a joyful noise,
Shouting with heart and voice,
“Worthy the Lamb!”

4 Soon must we change our place,
Yet will we never cease
Praising His name:
To Him we'll tribute bring;
Laud Him our gracious King,
And without ceasing sing,
“Worthy the Lamb!”

James Allen. 1761 a.

120

C. M.

THOU art the Way; to Thee alone
From sin and death we flee;
And he who would the Father seek,
Must seek Him, Lord, by Thee.

2 Thou art the Truth; Thy word alone
True wisdom can impart;
Thou only canst inform the mind,
And purify the heart.

Praise to Christ.

- 3 Thou art the Life; the rending tomb
Proclaims Thy conquering arm;
And those who put their trust in Thee,
Nor death nor hell shall harm.
- 4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life;
Grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win,
Whose joys eternal flow.

George W. Doane. 1824.

121

S. M.

A WAKE, and sing the song
Of Moses and the Lamb;
Wake every heart and every tongue
To praise the Saviour's name.

- 2 Sing of His dying love;
Sing of His rising power;
Sing how He intercedes above
For those whose sins He bore.
- 3 Sing, till you feel your heart
Ascending with your tongue;
Sing, till the love of sin depart,
And grace inspire your song.
- 4 Sing on your heavenly way,
Ye ransomed sinners, sing;
Sing on, rejoicing every day
In Christ, th' eternal King.
- 5 Soon shall your raptured tongue
In heaven His praise proclaim,
And sweeter voices tune the song
Of Moses and the Lamb.

William Hammond. 1783 a.

Praise to Christ.

122

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JESUS, Lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide,
Oh, receive my soul at last!

- 2 Other refuge have I none;
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee:
Leave, ah, leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me:
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenceless head
With the shadow of Thy wing.
- 3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
More than all in Thee I find:
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name;
I am all unrighteousness:
False and full of sin I am;
Thou art full of truth and grace.
- 4 Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the Fountain art,
Freely let me take of Thee:

Praise to Christ.

Spring Thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity.

Charles Wesley. 1740.

123

S. M.

SEE what a living stone
The builders did refuse!
Yet God hath built His Church thereon,
In spite of envious Jews.

2 The work, O Lord, is Thine,
And wondrous in our eyes;
This day declares it all divine,
This day did Jesus rise.

3 Hosanna to the King
Of David's royal blood!
Bless Him, ye saints, He comes to bring
Salvation from our God.

4 Oh, come the happy hour
When all the world shall own
Thy Son, O God, declared with power,
And worship at Thy throne!

5 We bless Thy holy word
Which all this grace displays;
And offer on Thine altar, Lord,
Our sacrifice of praise.

Isaac Watts. 1719.

124

H. M.

REJOICE, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore;

Praise to Christ.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice,
Rejoice, for evermore, rejoice.

2 Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains
He took His seat above:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice,
Rejoice, for evermore, rejoice.

3 His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heaven:
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice,
Rejoice, for evermore, rejoice.

4 Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus, the Judge, shall come,
And take His servants up
To their eternal home:
We soon shall hear th' archangel's voice,
The trump of God shall sound, Rejoice!

Charles Wesley. 1746.

125

C. M.

AMAZING grace!—how sweet the sound—
That saved a soul like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

2 'T was grace that taught my heart to fear,
'T was grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed!

Praise to Christ.

3 Full many a danger, toil, and snare
My soul has overcome;
'T is grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

4 And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
A life of joy and peace.

John Newton. 1779.

126

S. M.

GRACE! 't is a charming sound,
Harmonious to the ear;
Heaven with the echo shall resound,
And all the earth shall hear.

2 Grace first contrived the way
To save rebellious man;
And all the steps that grace display
Which drew the wondrous plan.

3 Grace led my roving feet
To tread the heavenly road;
And new supplies each hour I meet
While pressing on to God.

4 Grace taught my soul to pray,
And made my eyes o'erflow:
'T was grace which kept me to this day,
And will not let me go.

5 Grace all the work shall crown,
Through everlasting days;
It lays in heaven the topmost stone,
And well deserves the praise.

Philip Doddridge. 1755 a.

Praise to Christ.

127

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JESUS, King of Glory,
Throned above the sky,
Jesus, tender Saviour,
Hear Thy children cry.
Pardon our transgressions,
Cleanse us from our sin;
By Thy Spirit help us
Heavenly life to win.

REF.—Jesus, King of Glory,
Throned above the sky,
Jesus, tender Saviour,
Hear Thy children cry.

2 On this day of gladness,
Bending low the knee
In Thine earthly temple,
Lord, we worship Thee;
Celebrate Thy goodness,
Mercy, grace, and truth,
All Thy loving guidance
Of our heedless youth.

3 For the little children,
Who have come to Thee;
For the glad, bright spirits
Who Thy glory see;
For the loved ones resting
In Thy dear embrace;
For the pure and holy
Who behold Thy face.

Praise to Christ.

- 4 When the shadows lengthen,
 Show us, Lord, Thy way;
Through the darkness lead us
 To the heavenly day.
When our course is finished,
 Ended all the strife,
Grant us, with the faithful,
 Palms and crowns of life.

Edward Harland. 1863 a.

128

S. M. D.

- I WAS a wandering sheep,
 I did not love the fold,
I did not love my Shepherd's voice,
 I would not be controlled:
I was a wayward child,
 I did not love my home,
I did not love my Father's voice,
 I loved afar to roam.
- 2 The Shepherd sought His sheep,
 The Father sought His child,
He followed me o'er vale and hill,
 O'er deserts waste and wild;
He found me nigh to death,
 Famished, and faint, and lone;
He bound me with the bands of love
 He saved the wandering one.
- 3 Jesus my Shepherd is,
 'T was He that loved my soul,
'T was He that washed me in His blood,
 'T was He that made me whole;

Praise to Christ.

'T was He that sought the lost,
That found the wandering sheep,
'T was He that brought me to the fold,
'T is He that still doth keep.

- 4 No more a wandering sheep,
I love to be controlled,
I love my tender Shepherd's voice,
I love, I love the fold:
No more a wayward child,
I seek no more to roam,
I love my Heavenly Father's voice—
I love, I love His home.

Horatius Bonar. 1845 a.

129

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ALL glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessèd One.

- 2 The company of angels
Are praising Thee on high,
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply.
The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went,
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before Thee we present.

Praise to Christ.

- 3 To Thee before Thy passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee now high exalted
Our melody we raise.
Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.

Tr. by the Compilers of Hy. An. and Modern. 1859.

130

C. M.

- FATHER, how wide Thy glory shines!
How high Thy wonders rise!
Known through the earth by thousand signs,
By thousands through the skies.
- 2 Those mighty orbs proclaim Thy power,
Their motions speak Thy skill,
And on the wings of every hour
We read Thy patience still.
- 3 When sinners break the Father's law,
The dying Son atones;
Oh, the dear mysteries of His cross!
The triumph of His groans!
- 4 Now the full glories of the Lamb
Adorn the heavenly plains;
Sweet cherubs learn Immanuel's name,
And try their choicest strains.
- 5 Oh, may I bear some humble part
In that immortal song!
Wonder and joy shall tune my heart,
And love command my tongue.

Isaac Watts. 1705.

Praise to Christ.

131

C. M.

ALL that I was, my sin, my guilt,
My death was all my own:
All that I am I owe to Thee,
My gracious God, alone.

2 The evil of my former state
Was mine and only mine:
The good in which I now rejoice
Is Thine, and only Thine.

3 The darkness of my former state,
The bondage—all was mine:
The light of life in which I walk,
The liberty—is Thine.

4 Thy grace first made me feel my sin,
It taught me to believe:
Then, in believing, peace I found,
And now I live, I live!

5 All that I am e'en here on earth,
All that I hope to be
When Jesus comes and glory dawns—
I owe it, Lord, to Thee.

Horatius Bonar. 1853.

132

C. M.

SALVATION, oh, the joyful sound!
'T is music to our ears;
A sov'reign balm for every wound,
A cordial for our fears.

Praise to Christ.

- 2 Buried in sorrow and in sin,
At hell's dark door we lay:
But we arise by grace divine,
To see a heavenly day.
- 3 Salvation! let the echo fly
The spacious earth around;
While all the armies of the sky
Conspire to raise the sound.
- 4 Salvation! O Thou bleeding Lamb,
To Thee the praise belongs:
Our hearts shall kindle at Thy name,
Thy name inspire our songs.

Isaac Watts. 1709 a.

133

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- ONE there is above all others
Well deserves the name of Friend;
His is love beyond a brother's,
Costly, free, and knows no end.
- 2 Which, of all our friends, to save us,
Could or would have shed his blood?
But this Saviour died to have us
Reconciled in Him to God.
- 3 When He lived on earth abasèd,
Friend of sinners was His name;
Now, above all glory raisèd,
He rejoices in the same.
- 4 Oh, for grace our hearts to soften!
Teach us, Lord, at length to love;
We, alas! forget too often
What a Friend we have above.

John Newton. 177

Praise to Christ.

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S. M.

YE saints proclaim abroad
The honors of your King;
To Jesus, your incarnate God,
Your songs of praises sing.

2 Not angels round the throne
Of majesty above,
Are half so much obliged as we
To our Immanuel's love.

3 They never sunk so low;
They are not raised so high;
They never knew such depths of woe,
Such heights of majesty.

4 The Saviour did not join
Their nature to His own;
For them He shed no blood divine,
Nor breathed a single groan.

5 May we with angels vie
The Saviour to adore;
Our debts are greater far than theirs,
Oh, be our praises more!

John Ryland (?).

135

C. M.

WITH joy we meditate the grace
Of our High Priest above:
His heart is made of tenderness,
It melts with pitying love.

Praise to Christ.

- 2 Touched with a sympathy within,
He knows our feeble frame;
He knows what sore temptations mean,
For He hath felt the same.
- 3 He, in the days of feeble flesh,
Poured out His cries and tears,
And, in His measure, feels afresh
What every member bears.
- 4 He'll never quench the smoking flax,
But raise it to a flame;
The bruised reed He never breaks,
Nor scorns the meanest name.
- 5 Then let our humble faith address
His mercy and His power;
We shall obtain delivering grace
In the distressing hour.

Isaac Watts. 1709 a.

136

L. M.

HOW beauteous were the marks divine
That in Thy meekness used to shine,
That lit Thy lonely pathway, trod
In wondrous love, O Son of God!

- 2 Oh! who like Thee, so calm, so bright,
So pure, so made to live in light?
Oh! who like Thee did ever go
So patient through a world of woe?
- 3 E'en death, which sets the prisoner free,
Was pang, and scoff, and scorn to Thee;
Yet love through all Thy torture glowed,
And mercy with Thy life-blood flowed.

Praise to Christ.

- 4 Oh, in Thy light be mine to go,
Illuming all my way of woe!
And give me ever on the road
To trace Thy footsteps, Son of God!

Arthur C. Coxe. 1840.

137

L. M.

- M**Y dear Redeemer, and my Lord!
I read my duty in Thy word;
But in Thy life the law appears
Drawn out in living characters.
- 2 Such was Thy truth, and such Thy zeal,
Such deference to Thy Father's will,
Thy love and meekness so divine,
I would transcribe and make them mine.
- 3 Cold mountains and the midnight air
Witnessed the fervor of Thy prayer;
The desert Thy temptations knew,
Thy conflict and Thy victory too.
- 4 Be Thou my pattern; may I bear
More of Thy gracious image here;
Then God, the Judge, shall own my name
Among the followers of the Lamb.

Isaac Watts. 1709.

138

C. M.

- H**OW condescending and how kind
Was God's eternal Son!
Our misery reached His heavenly mind
And pity brought Him down.

Praise to Christ.

- 2 This was compassion like a God,
That when the Saviour knew
The price of pardon was His blood,
His pity ne'er withdrew.
- 3 Now, though He reigns exalted high,
His love is still as great:
Well He remembers Calvary,
Nor should His saints forget.
- 4 Here we receive repeated seals
Of Jesus' dying love:
Hard is the heart that never feels
One soft affection move.
- 5 Here let our hearts begin to melt,
While we His death record,
And with our joy for pardoned guilt,
Mourn that we pierced the Lord.

Isaac Watts. 1707.

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C. M.

- O**H, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise!
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.
 - 3 Jesus, the name that calms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'T is music in the sinner's ears;
'T is life and health and peace.

Praise to Christ.

4 He breaks the power of reigning sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood avails for me.

5 Glory to God, and praise and love,
Be ever, ever given;
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heaven.

Charles Wesley. 1738 a.

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L. M.

EMMANUEL! we sing Thy praise,
Thou Prince of Life! Thou Fount of grace!
With all Thy saints, Thee, Lord, we sing;
Praise, honor, thanks, to Thee we bring.

2 E'er since the world began to be,
How many a heart hath longed for Thee!
And Thou, O long-expected Guest,
Hast come at last to make us blest!

3 Now art Thou here; we know Thee now;
In lowly manger liest Thou;
A Child, yet makest all things great;
Poor, yet is earth Thy robe of state.

4 Now fearless I can look on Thee;
From sin and grief Thou set'st me free;
Thou bearest wrath, Thou conquerest death,
Fear turns to joy Thy glance beneath.

*Paulus Gerhardt. 1653.
Tr. Unknown. 1838.*

Praise to Christ.

141 8s, 7s, D.

HAIL! my ever blessed Jesus,
Only Thee I wish to sing;
To my soul Thy name is precious,
Thou my Prophet, Priest, and King.
Oh, what mercy flows from heaven,
Oh, what joy and happiness!
Love I much? I've much forgiven;
I'm a miracle of grace.

2 Once with Adam's race in ruin,
Unconcerned in sin I lay;
Swift destruction still pursuing.
Till my Saviour passed this way.
Witness, all ye hosts of heaven,
My Redeemer's tenderness;
Love I much? I've much forgiven;
I'm a miracle of grace.

3 Sing, ye bright angelic choir,
Praise the Lamb enthroned above;
Whilst astonished, I admire
God's free grace and boundless love.
That blest moment I received Him,
Filled my soul with joy and peace;
Love I much? I've much forgiven;
I'm a miracle of grace.

John Wingrove. 1785.

142 8s, 7s, D.

HAIL! Thou once despisèd Jesus!
Hail! Thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us;
Thou didst free salvation bring:

Praise to Christ.

Hail! Thou agonizing Saviour,
Who hast borne our sin and shame,
By whose merits we find favor;
Life is given through Thy name,

2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
All our sins on Thee were laid;
By almighty love anointed,
Thou hast full atonement made.
All Thy people are forgiven
Through the virtue of Thy blood;
Open'd is the gate of heaven;
Peace is made 'twixt man and God.

3 Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,
There forever to abide!
All the heavenly hosts adore Thee,
Seated at Thy Father's side.
There for sinners Thou art pleading;
There Thou dost our place prepare;
Ever for us interceding,
Till in glory we appear.

4 Worship, honor, power, and blessing,
Thou art worthy to receive;
Loudest praises, without ceasing,
Meet it is for us to give:
Help, ye bright, angelic spirits!
Bring your sweetest, noblest lays!
Help to sing our Saviour's merits;
Help to chant Immanuel's praise.

John Bakewell. 1760.

Augustus M. Toplady. 1776.

Praise to Christ.

143

H. M.

TH' atoning work is done,
The Saviour's blood is shed,
And Jesus now is gone
His people's cause to plead:
He stands in heaven their great High Priest,
And bears their names upon His breast.

2 No temple made with hands
His place of service is;
In heaven itself He stands,
A heavenly priesthood His:
In Him the shadows of the law
Are all fulfilled, and now withdraw.

3 And though awhile He be
Hid from the eyes of men,
His people look to see
Their great High Priest again:
In brightest glory He will come,
And take His waiting people home.

Thomas Kelly. 1806 a.

144

8, 5, 7, 5.

GLORY to the blessèd Jesus!
Who for us was born,
In the stable, cold and poor,
On glad Christmas morn.

2 Glory to the blessèd Jesus!
Who was crucified
On Good Friday for our sins:
Loving us He died.

Praise to Christ.

- 3 Glory to the blessèd Jesus!
Who for sinners lay
In the tomb, and rose upon
Happy Easter day.
- 4 Glory to the blessèd Jesus!
He, Who is our Way,
Went up in a cloud to heaven,
On Ascension day.
- 5 Glory to the blessèd Jesus!
Who, at Whitsuntide,
Sent His Holy Spirit down,
With us to abide.
- 6 Glory to the blessèd Jesus!
We will praise His love,
All our days on earth below,
And for aye above.

Anon.

145 *Will there be a time when I shall see thee?* C. M.

THE Head that once was crowned with thorns,
Is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty Victor's brow.

- 2 The joy of all who dwell above,
The joy of all below;
To whom He manifests His love,
And grants His name to know.
- 3 To us Thy cross, with all its shame,
With all its grace, be given;
Though earth disowns Thy lowly name,
All worship it in heaven.

Praise to Christ.

4 Who suffer with Thee, Lord, below,
Will reign with Thee above;
Then let it be our joy to know
This way of peace and love.

5 The cross He bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to Him;
His people's hope, His people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.

Thomas Kelly. 1820 a.

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10s.

BLESSING, and honor, and glory and power,
Wisdom, and riches, and strength, evermore,
Give ye to Him who our battle hath won,
Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the
throne.

2 Dwelleth the light of the glory with Him,
Light of a glory that cannot grow dim,
Light in its silence and beauty and calm,
Light in its gladness and brightness and balm.

3 Ever ascendeth the song and the joy,
Ever descendeth the love from on high,
Blessing, and honor, and glory, and praise,
This is the theme of the hymns that we raise.

4 Life of all life, and true Light of all light,
Star of the dawning, unchangingly bright,
Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,
Dying in weakness, but rising to reign.

Horatius Bonar. 1867-1884.

Praise to Christ.

147

7s, 6s, D.

HAIL to the Lord's Anointed,
Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free,
To take away transgression
And rule in equity.

3 He comes with succor speedy,
To those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy,
And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
Were precious in His sight.

3 He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth,
And love and joy, like flowers,
Spring in His path to birth;
Before Him, on the mountains,
Shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness, in fountains,
From hill to valley flow.

4 For Him shall prayer unceasing
And daily vows ascend,
His kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end:

Praise to Christ.

The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand for ever;
That name to us is love.

James Montgomery. 1821.

148

C. P. M.

OH, could I speak the matchless worth,
Oh, could I sound the glories forth
Which in my Saviour shine,
I'd soar and touch the heavenly strings,
And vie with Gabriel, while he sings,
In notes almost divine.

2 I'd sing the precious blood He spilt,
My ransom from the dreadful guilt
Of sin and wrath divine;
I'd sing His glorious righteousness,
In which all-perfect heavenly dress
My soul shall ever shine.

3 I'd sing the characters He bears,
And all the forms of love He wears,
Exalted on His throne:
In loftiest songs of sweetest praise,
I would to everlasting days
Make all His glories known.

4 Well, the delightful day will come,
When my dear Lord will bring me home,
And I shall see His face;
Then with my Saviour, Brother, Friend,
A blest eternity I'll spend,
Triumphant in His grace.

Samuel Medley. 1789.

Praise to Christ.

149

7s, D.

SONGS of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar;
Branch of royal David's stem
In Thy birth at Bethlehem;
Anthems be to Thee address,
God in Man made manifest.

2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding-guest
In Thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in power Divine,
Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to Thee address,
God in Man made manifest.

3 Manifest in making whole
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight,
Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will,
Ever bringing good from ill;
Anthems be to Thee address,
God in Man made manifest.

4 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,
Present in Thy holy Word;
May we imitate Thee now,
And be pure, as pure art Thou;

Praise to Christ.

That we like to Thee may be,
At Thy great Epiphany;
And may praise Thee, ever blest,
God in Man made manifest.

Christopher Wordsworth. 1862.

150

C. M.

TO our Redeemer's glorious name
Awake the sacred song!
Oh, may His love, immortal flame,
Tune every heart and tongue.

2 His love what mortal thought can reach!
What mortal tongue display!
Imagination's utmost stretch
In wonder dies away.

3 Jesus, who left His throne on high,
Left the bright realms of bliss,
And came to earth to bleed and die
Was ever love like this?

4 Dear Lord, while we adoring pay
Our humble thanks to Thee,
May every heart with rapture say,
"The Saviour died for me."

5 Oh, may the sweet, the blissful theme
Fill every heart and tongue,
Till strangers love Thy charming name,
And join the sacred song.

Anne Steele. 1760.

Praise to Christ.

151

C. M.

COME, let us join our cheerful songs
With angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
But all their joys are one.

- 2 "Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry,
"To be exalted thus!"
"Worthy the Lamb," our lips reply,
"For He was slain for us!"

- 3 Jesus is worthy to receive
Honor and power divine;
And blessings more than we can give,
Be, Lord, for ever Thine.

- 4 Let all that dwell above the sky,
And air, and earth, and seas,
Conspire to lift Thy glories high,
And speak Thine endless praise!

Isaac Watts. 1707.

152

C. M.

MAJESTIC sweetness sits enthroned
Upon the Saviour's brow;
His head with radiant glories crowned,
His lips with grace o'er-flow.

- 2 No mortal can with Him compare
Among the sons of men;
Fairer is He than all the fair
Who fill the heavenly train.

Praise to Christ.

- 3 He saw me plunged in deep distress
And flew to my relief;
For me He bore the shameful cross,
And carried all my grief.
- 4 To Him I owe my life and breath,
And all the joys I have;
He makes me triumph over death,
And saves me from the grave.
- 5 To heaven, the place of His abode,
He brings my weary feet,
Shows me the glories of my God,
And makes my joys complete.

Samuel Stennett. 1787 a.

153

S. M. D.

CROWN Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee;
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

- 2 Crown Him the Lord of love!
Behold His hands and side,—
Those wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends His wondering eye
At mysteries so bright.

Praise to Christ.

- 3 Crown Him the Lord of heaven!
One with the Father known,—
And the blest Spirit through Him given
From yonder Triune throne!
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou hast died for me:
Thy praise and glory shall not fail
Throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges. 1851.

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8s, 7s, 7, 7.

HARK! ten thousand harps and voices
Sound the note of praise above:
Jesus reigns, and heaven rejoices;
Jesus reigns, the God of love:
See, He sits on yonder throne;
Jesus rules the world alone.

- 2 King of glory, reign for ever!
Thine an everlasting crown:
Nothing from Thy love shall sever
Those whom Thou hast made Thine own:
Happy objects of Thy grace,
Destined to behold Thy face.

- 3 Saviour, hasten Thine appearing;
Bring, oh, bring, the glorious day,
When, the awful summons hearing,
Heaven and earth shall pass away!
Then, with golden harps we'll sing,
"Glory, glory to our King!"

Thomas Kelly. 1804 a.

Praise to Christ.

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8s, 6 l.

JESUS, my Lord, my God, my all!
Blest Saviour, hear me when I call;
Oh, hear, and from Thy dwelling-place
Pour down the riches of Thy grace:
Jesus, my Lord, I Thee adore—
Oh, make me love Thee more and more!

2 Jesus, alas! too coldly sought,
How can I love Thee as I ought?
And how extol Thy matchless fame,
The glorious beauty of Thy name?
Jesus, my Lord, I Thee adore—
Oh, make me love Thee more and more!

3 Jesus! of Thee shall be my song;
To Thee my heart and soul belong;
All that I am or have is Thine,
And Thou, my Saviour, Thou art mine!
Jesus, my Lord, I Thee adore—
Oh, make me love Thee more and more!

Henry Collins. 1854.

156

C. M.

O H, the delights, the heavenly joys,
The glories of the place,
Where Jesus sheds the brightest beams
Of His o'er-flowing grace!

2 Princes to His imperial name
Bend their bright sceptres down;
Dominions, thrones, and powers rejoice
To see Him wear the crown.

Praise to Christ.

- 3 Archangels sound His lofty praise
Through every heavenly street;
And lay their highest honors down,
Submissive at His feet.
- 4 Now to the Lamb, that once was slain,
Be endless blessings paid;
Salvation, glory, joy, remain
Forever on Thy head!
- 5 Thou hast redeemed our souls with blood,
Hast set the prisoners free,
Hast made us kings and priests to God,
And we shall reign with Thee.

Isaac Watts. 1707.

157

C. M.

JESUS, in Thy transporting name
What glories meet our eyes!
Thou art the seraph's lofty theme,
The wonder of the skies.

- 2 Well might the heavens with wonder view
A love so strange as Thine;
No thought of angels ever knew
Compassion so divine.
- 3 And didst Thou, Saviour, leave the sky,
To sink beneath our woes?
Didst Thou descend to bleed and die
For Thy rebellious foes?

Praise to Christ.

- 4 Oh, may our willing hearts confess
Thy sweet, Thy gentle sway;
Glad captives of Thy matchless grace,
Thy righteous rule obey.

Anne Steele. 1760.

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H. M.

JOIN all the glorious names
Of wisdom, love, and power,
That ever mortals knew,
That angels ever bore:
All are too mean
To speak His worth;
Too mean to set
My Saviour forth.

- 2 But, oh, what gentle terms,
What condescending ways,
Doth our Redeemer use
To teach His heavenly grace!
Mine eyes with joy
And wonder see
What forms of love
He bears for me.
- 3 Great Prophet of my God!
My tongue would bless Thy name:
By Thee the joyful news
Of our salvation came;
The joyful news
Of sin forgiven,
Of hell subdued,
And peace with heaven.

Isaac Watts. 1709.

Praise to Christ.

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7s.

JESUS! name of wondrous love!
Name all other names above!
Unto which must every knee
Bow in deep humility.

- 2 Jesus! name decreed of old,
To the maiden mother told,
Kneeling in her lowly cell,
By the angel Gabriel.
- 3 Jesus! name of priceless worth
To the fallen sons of earth,
For the promise that it gave—
“Jesus shall His people save.”
- 4 Jesus! only name that's given
Under all the mighty heaven,
Whereby man, to sin enslaved,
Bursts his fetters, and is saved.
- 5 Jesus! name of wondrous love!
Human name of God above;
Pleading only this we flee,
Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

William W. How. 1854.

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7s.

NOW begin the heavenly theme,
Sing aloud in Jesus' name!
Ye who his salvation prove,
Triumph in redeeming love.

Praise to Christ.

- 2 Ye who see the Father's grace
Beaming in the Saviour's face,
As to heaven ye onward move,
Triumph in redeeming love.
- 3 Mourning souls, dry up your tears;
Banish all your guilty fears;
See your guilt and curse remove,
Cancell'd by redeeming love.
- 4 Ye, alas! who long have been
Willing slaves of death and sin,
Now from bliss no longer rove;
Stop, and taste redeeming love.

Unknown.

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Written at the request of the Rev. J. C. M. D.

- I HEARD the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
||: And He : || has made me glad.
- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
||: And now: || I live in Him.

Praise to Christ.

- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "I am this dark world's Light;
 Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
 And all thy day be bright."
 I looked to Jesus, and I found
 In Him my Star, my Sun;
 And in that Light of life I'll walk,
 Till traveling days ||: are done. : ||
Horatius Bonar. 1846.

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8s, 7s, D.

LAMB of God, we fall before Thee,
Humbly trusting in Thy cross;
That alone be all our glory,
All things else are only dross,
Thee we own a perfect Saviour,
Only source of all that's good.
Every grace and every favor
Comes to us through Jesus' blood.

- 2 Jesus gives us true repentance,
By His Spirit sent from heaven;
Whispers this transporting sentence,
"Son, thy sins are all forgiven."
Faith He grants us to believe it,
Grateful hearts His love to prize:
Want we wisdom? He must give it;
Hearing ears, and seeing eyes.
- 3 Jesus gives us pure affections,
Wills to do what He requires;
Makes us follow His directions,
And what He commands—inspires.

Praise to Christ.

All our prayers, and all our praises,
Rightly offered in His name:
He that dictates them is Jesus;
He that answers is the same.

Joseph Hart. 1759.

163

L. M.

AWAKE, my soul, to joyful lays,
And sing thy great Redeemer's praise;
He justly claims a song from me;
His loving kindness, oh, how free!

REF.—Loving kindness, loving kindness,
His loving kindness, oh, how free!

- 2 He saw me ruined in the fall,
Yet loved me, notwithstanding all;
He saved me from my lost estate,
His loving kindness, oh, how great!
- 3 When trouble, like a gloomy cloud,
Has gathered thick and thundered loud,
He near my soul has always stood,
His loving kindness, oh, how good!
- 4 Often I feel my sinful heart
Prone from my Jesus to depart;
But though I have Him oft forgot,
His loving kindness changes not.
- 5 When I shall pass death's gloomy vale,
And life and mortal powers must fail,
Oh, may my last expiring breath
His loving kindness sing in death!

Praise to Christ.

- 6 Then shall I mount and soar away
To the bright world of endless day;
And sing, with rapture and surprise,
His loving kindness in the skies.

Samuel Medley. 1800.

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C. M.

FAIN would my soul with wonder trace
Thy mercies, O my God;
And tell the riches of Thy grace—
The merits of Thy blood.

- 2 With Israel's King, my heart would cry,
While I review Thy ways,
Tell me, my Saviour, who am I,
That I should see Thy face?

- 3 Formed by Thy hand, and formed for Thee,
I would be ever Thine:
My Saviour, make my spirit free,
With beams of mercy shine.

- 4 Fain would my soul with rapture dwell
On Thy redeeming grace;
Oh for a thousand tongues to tell
My dear Redeemer's praise.

Joel A. Knight. 1806.

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C. M.

HOW sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.

Praise to Christ.

- 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
'T is manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary, rest.
- 3 Dear Name! the Rock on which I build,
My Shield and Hiding Place;
My never-failing Treasury, filled
With boundless stores of grace.
- 4 By Him my prayers acceptance gain,
Although with sin defiled;
Satan accuses me in vain,
And I am owned a child.
- 5 Weak is the effort of my heart,
And cold my warmest thoughts;
But when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.
- 6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim,
With every fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death.

John Newton. 1779.

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7s, 6l.

JESUS, Sun of Righteousness,
Brightest beam of love divine,
With the early morning rays
Do Thou on our darkness shine,
And dispel with purest light,
All our long and gloomy night!

Praise to Christ.

2 Like the sun's reviving ray,
 May Thy love, with tender glow,
 All our coldness melt away,
 Warm, and cheer us forth to go,
 Gladly serve Thee and obey
 All our life's short earthly day!

3 Thou our only hope and guide!
 Never leave us nor forsake:
 In Thy light may we abide
 Till the endless morning break;
 Moving on to Zion's hill,
 Onward, upward, homeward still!

*Christian K. von Rosenroth. 1684.
Tr. Jane Borthwick. 1853 a.*

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C. M.

JESUS, these eyes have never seen
 That radiant form of Thine!
The vale of sense hangs dark between
 Thy blessed face and mine!

- 2 I see Thee not, I hear Thee not,
 Yet art Thou oft with me;
And earth has ne'er so dear a spot,
 As where I meet with Thee.
- 3 Like some bright dream that comes unsought,
 When slumbers o'er me roll,
Thine image ever fills my thought,
 And charms my ravished soul.
- 4 Yet though I have not seen, and still
 Must rest in faith alone;
I love thee, dearest Lord! and will—
 Unseen, but not unknown.

Praise to Christ.

- 5 When death these mortal eyes shall seal,
And still this throbbing heart,
The rending veil shall Thee reveal,
All glorious as Thou art!

Ray Palmer. 1858.

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L. M.

O H, the sweet wonders of that cross
Where my Redeemer loved and died!
Her noblest life my spirit draws
From His dear wounds and bleeding side.

- 2 I would for ever speak His name
In sounds to mortal ears unknown;
With angels join to praise the Lamb,
And worship at His Father's throne.

- 3 O Lord, the Lord of lords, to Thee
Eternal praise and glory be;
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Ghost for evermore.

Isaac Watts. 1707 a.

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L. M.

J ESUS! and shall it ever be,
A mortal man ashamed of Thee?
Ashamed of Thee, whom angels praise,
Whose glories shine through endless days?

- 2 Ashamed of Jesus! sooner far
Let evening blush to own a star;
He sheds the beams of light divine
O'er this benighted soul of mine.

Praise to the Holy Spirit.

- 3 Ashamed of Jesus! just as soon
Let midnight be ashamed of noon:
'T is midnight with my soul till He,
Bright Morning Star, bid darkness flee.
- 4 Ashamed of Jesus! that dear Friend
On whom my hopes of heaven depend!
No; when I blush—be this my shame,
That I no more revere His name.
- 5 Ashamed of Jesus! yes, I may
When I've no guilt to wash away,
No tear to wipe, no good to crave,
No fears to quell, no soul to save.
- 6 Till then—nor is my boasting vain—
Till then I boast a Saviour slain;
And, oh, may this my glory be,
That Christ is not ashamed of me!

Joseph Grigg. 1765.

Benjamin Francis. 1787.

PRAISE TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.

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C. M.

LET songs of praises fill the sky!
Christ, our ascended Lord,
Sends down His Spirit from on high,
According to His word.

- 2 The Spirit, by His heavenly breath,
New life creates within;
He quickens sinners from the death
Of trespasses and sin.

Praise to the Holy Spirit.

3 The things of Christ the Spirit takes,
And to our heart reveals;
Our bodies He His temple makes,
And our redemption seals.

4 Come, Holy Spirit, from above,
With Thy celestial fire;
Come, and, with flames of zeal and love,
Our hearts and tongues inspire.

Thomas Cotterill. 1819 a.

171

L. M.

ETERNAL Spirit! we confess
And sing the wonders of Thy grace:
Thy power conveys our blessings down
From God the Father and the Son.

2 Enlightened by Thy heavenly ray,
Our shades and darkness turn to day:
Thine inward teachings make us know
Our danger and our refuge too.

3 Thy glorious power works within,
And breaks the chains of reigning sin,
Doth our imperious lusts subdue,
And forms our wretched hearts anew.

4 The troubled conscience knows Thy voice,
Thy cheering words awake our joys;
Thy words allay the stormy wind,
And calm the surges of the mind.

Isaac Watts. 1709.

Praise to the Holy Spirit.

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6s, 4s.

COME, Holy Ghost! in love,
Shed on us, from above,
Thine own bright ray:
Divinely good Thou art;
Thy sacred gifts impart,
To gladden each sad heart;
Oh, come to-day!

2 Come, tenderest Friend, and best,
Our most delightful Guest!
With soothing power;
Rest, which the weary know;
Shade, 'mid the noontide glow;
Peace, when deep griefs o'erflow;
Cheer us, this hour!

3 Come, light serene! and still,
Our inmost bosoms fill;
Dwell in each breast:
We know no dawn but Thine;
Send forth Thy beams divine,
On our dark souls to shine,
And make us blest.

4 Come, all the faithful bless;
Let all, who Christ confess,
His praise employ:
Give virtue's rich reward;
Victorious death accord,
And, with our glorious Lord,
Eternal joy.

Tr. Ray Palmer. 1858.

Praise to the Holy Spirit.

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C. M.

COME, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all Thy quickening powers,
Kindle a flame of sacred love
In these cold hearts of ours.

2 See, how we grovel here below,
Fond of these earthly toys;
Our souls, how heavily they go
To reach eternal joys!

3 Dear Lord! and shall we always live
At this poor, dying rate?
Our love so cold, so faint to Thee,
And Thine to us so great?

4 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all Thy quickening powers;
Come, shed abroad a Saviour's love,
And that shall kindle ours.

Isaac Watts. 1707 a.

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L. M.

COME, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With light and comfort from above,
Be Thou our guardian, Thou our guide;
O'er every thought and step preside.

2 The light of truth to us display,
That we may know and love Thy way;
Plant holy fear in every heart,
That we from Thee may ne'er depart.

Praise to the Holy Spirit.

3 Lead us to holiness, the road
That we must take to dwell with God;
Lead us to Christ, the living Way,
Nor let us from His pastures stray.

4 Lead us to God, our final rest,
To be with Him for ever blest:
Lead us to heaven, that we may share
Fullness of joy for ever there.

Simon Browne. 1720 a.

175

7s.

GRACIOUS Spirit—Love divine!
G Let Thy light within me shine:
All my guilty fears remove;
Fill me with Thy heavenly love.

2 Speak Thy pardoning grace to me;
Set the burdened sinner free;
Lead me to the Lamb of God;
Wash me in His precious blood.

3 Life and peace to me impart;
Seal salvation on my heart;
Dwell Thyself within my breast,
Earnest of immortal rest.

4 Let me never from Thee stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Fill my soul with joy divine;
Keep me, Lord, forever Thine.

John Stocker. 1777 a.

Praise to the Holy Spirit.

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7s, 6l.

HOLY Spirit! Lord of light!
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give:
Come, Thou Father of the poor!
Come, with treasures which endure!
Come, Thou Light of all that live!

2 Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

3 Light immortal! light divine!
Visit Thou these hearts of Thine,
And our inmost being fill:
If Thou take Thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.

4 Thou, on those who evermore
Thee confess and Thee adore,
In Thy sevenfold gifts, descend:
Give them comfort when they die,
Give them life with Thee on high,
Give them joys that never end.

*Innocent III. of France.
Tr. Edward Caswall. 1849.*

The Holy Trinity.

THE HOLY TRINITY.

177 11, 12, 12, 10.

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise
to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the
glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before
Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide
Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may
not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in
earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty;
God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity!

Reginald Heber. 1827.

178 7s, D.

SONGS of praise the angels sang,
Heaven with hallelujahs rang,
When Jehovah's work begun,
When He spake, and it was done.

The Holy Trinity.

Songs of praise awoke the morn,
When the Prince of Peace was born;
Songs of praise arose when He
Captive led captivity.

2 Heaven and earth must pass away—
Songs of praise shall crown that day;
God will make new heavens and earth—
Songs of praise shall hail their birth.
And shall man alone be dumb,
Till that glorious kingdom come?
No; the Church delights to raise
Psalms and hymns and songs of praise.

3 Saints below, with heart and voice,
Still in songs of praise rejoice;
Learning here, by faith and love,
Songs of praise to sing above.
Borne upon their latest breath
Songs of praise shall conquer death;
Then, amid eternal joy,
Songs of praise their powers employ.

James Montgomery. 1819.

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6s. 4s.

COME, Thou almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise!
Father all glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of days.

The Holy Trinity.

2 Jesus, our Lord, descend;
From all our foes defend,
Nor let us fall;
Let Thine almighty aid
Our sure defence be made,
Our souls on Thee be stayed;
Lord, hear our call!

3 Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear,
In this glad hour;
Thou, Who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

4 To Thee, great One in Three,
The highest praises be,
Hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore!

Charles Wesley. 1757 a.

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S. M.

COME, Holy Spirit, come;
Let Thy bright beams arise;
Dispel the sorrow from our minds,
The darkness from our eyes.

2 Convince us all of sin,
Then lead to Jesus' blood,
And to our wondering view reveal
The mercies of our God.

The Holy Trinity.

- 3 Revive our drooping faith,
Our doubts and fears remove,
And kindle in our breasts the flame
Of never-dying love.
- 4 'T is Thine to cleanse the heart,
To sanctify the soul,
To pour fresh life in every part,
And new-create the whole.
- 5 Dwell, Spirit, in our hearts;
Our minds from bondage free;
Then shall we know, and praise, and love
The Father, Son, and Thee.

Joseph Hart. 1759 a.

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L. M.

- FATHER of heaven, whose love profound
A ransom for our souls hath found,
Before Thy throne we sinners bend:
To us Thy pard'ning love extend.
- 2 Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
Our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord!
Before Thy throne we sinners bend:
To us Thy saving grace extend.
- 3 Eternal Spirit, by whose breath,
The soul is raised from sin and death,
Before Thy throne we sinners bend:
To us Thy quickening power extend.
- 4 Jehovah! Father, Spirit, Son!
Eternal Godhead, Three in One!
Before Thy throne we sinners bend:
Grace, pardon, life to us extend.

Edward Cooper. 1805.

The Holy Trinity.

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6s, 4s.

THOU! whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight,
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And, where the gospel's day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
"Let there be light!"

2 Thou! who didst come to bring,
On Thy redeeming wing,
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,—
Oh, now to all mankind,
"Let there be light!"

3 Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving holy Dove!
Speed forth Thy flight:
Move o'er the waters' face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place,
"Let there be light!"

4 Blessèd and holy Three,
All-glorious Trinity,—
Wisdom, Love, Might!
Boundless as ocean's tide
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the world, far and wide,—
"Let there be light!"

John Marriott. 1813 (†).

The Holy Trinity.

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S. M.

FATHER, in whom we live,
In whom we are and move,
All glory, power and praise receive
For Thy creating love.

2 O Thou incarnate Word,
Let all Thy ransomed race
Unite in thanks, with one accord,
For Thy redeeming grace.

3 Spirit of holiness,
Let all Thy saints adore
Thy sacred gifts, and join to bless
Thy heart-renewing power.

4 The grace on man bestowed,
Ye heavenly choirs, proclaim,
And cry, "Salvation to our God!
Salvation to the Lamb!"

Charles Wesley. 1747 a.

184

7s.

HOLY Ghost, with light divine,
Shine upon this heart of mine!
Chase the shades of night away,
Turn the darkness into day.

2 Let me see my Saviour's face,
Let me all His beauties trace;
Show those glorious truths to me,
Which are only known to Thee.

The Holy Trinity.

- 3 Holy Ghost, with power divine,
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In Thy mercy pity me,
From sin's bondage set me free.
- 4 Holy Ghost, with joy divine,
Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Bid my many woes depart,
Heal my wounded, bleeding heart.

Andrew Reed. 1817 a.

185

7s, 6l.

- H**OLY, holy, holy Lord,
God of hosts, eternal King,
By the heavens and earth adored;
Angels and archangels sing,
Chanting everlastingly
To the blessed Trinity.
- 2 Thousands, tens of thousands stand,
Spirits blest, before the throne,
Speeding thence at Thy command,
And, when Thy commands are done,
Singing everlastingly
To the blessèd Trinity.
- 3 Cherubim and seraphim
Vail their faces with their wings;
Eyes of angels are too dim
To behold the King of kings,
While they sing eternally
To the blessèd Trinity.

The Holy Trinity.

4 Thee apostles, prophets Thee,
Thee the noble martyr band,
Praise with solemn jubilee,
Thee, the Church in every land;
Singing everlastingly
To the blessèd Trinity.

5 Hallelujah! Lord, to Thee,
Father, Son and Holy Ghost;
Godhead one, and Persons three;
Join us with the heavenly host,
Singing everlastingly
To the blessèd Trinity.

Christopher Wordsworth. 1862.

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7s.

TO the name of God on high,
God of might and majesty,
God of heaven, and earth, and sea,
Blessing, praise and glory be.

2 To the name of Christ the Lord,
Son of God, incarnate Word,
Christ, by whom all things were made,
Be an endless honor paid.

3 To the Holy Spirit be
Equal praise eternally,
With the Father and the Son,
One in name, in glory one.

4 Glorious is our God the Lord,
Praises, then, with one accord
To His holy name be given,
By the sons of earth and heaven.

Horatius Bonar. 1867.

The Holy Trinity.

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7s, 8, 4.

- L**IGHT, that from the dark abyss
Madest all things, none amiss,
To share Thy beauty, share Thy bliss,
Come to us: come.
- 2 Light, that dost o'er all things reign,
Light that dost all life maintain;
O Light, that dost create again,
Come to us: come.
- 3 Light of men, that left the skies,
Light that looked through human eyes,
And died in darkness as man dies,
Come to us: come.
- 4 Light that stooped to rise and raise,
Soared to God above our gaze,
And still art with us all the days,
Come to us: come.
- 5 We have done great wrong to Thee,
Yet we do belong to Thee;
Oh, make our life one song to Thee,
Come to us: come.

Edward B. Birks. 1869.

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8s, 7s, 4.

- H**OLY Father, great Creator,
Source of mercy, love, and peace,
Look upon the Mediator,
Clothe us with His righteousness;
Heavenly Father,
Through the Saviour hear and bless.

General Petition.

2 Holy Jesus, Lord of glory,
Whom angelic hosts proclaim,
While we hear Thy wondrous story,
Meet and worship in Thy Name,
Dear Redeemer,
In our hearts Thy peace proclaim.

3 Holy Spirit, Sanctifier,
Come with unction from above,
Raise our hearts to raptures higher,
Fill them with the Saviour's love!
Source of Comfort,
Cheer us with the Saviour's love.

4 God the Lord, through every nation
Let Thy wondrous mercies shine!
In the song of Thy salvation
Every tongue and race combine!
Great Jehovah,
Form our hearts and make them Thine.

Alexander V. Griswold. 1835. ?

GENERAL PETITION.

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8s, 7s, D.

HOLY Father, Thou hast taught me
I should live to Thee alone;
Year by year, Thy hand hath brought me
On through dangers oft unknown.
When I wandered, Thou hast found me;
When I doubted, sent me light;
Still Thine arm has been around me,
All my paths were in Thy sight.

General Petition.

- 2 In the world will foes assail me,
Craftier, stronger far than I;
And the strife may never fail me,
Well I know, before I die.
Therefore, Lord, I come, believing
Thou canst give the power I need;
Through the prayer of faith receiving
Strength—the Spirit's strength, indeed.
- 3 I would trust in Thy protecting,
Wholly rest upon Thine arm;
Follow wholly Thy directing,
Thou, mine only guard from harm!
Keep me from my own undoing,
Help me turn to Thee when tried;
Still my footsteps, Father, viewing,
Keep me ever at Thy side.

John M. Neale. 1842 a.

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6s, 4s.

MY faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine!
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
Oh, let me from this day
Be wholly Thine.

- 2 May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire.

General Petition.

- 3 While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
 Be Thou my Guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
 From Thee aside.
- 4 When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold sullen stream
 Shall o'er me roll;
Blest Saviour, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
Oh, bear me safe above,
 A ransomed soul.

Ray Palmer. 1830.

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S. M.

- OUR heavenly Father, hear
The prayer we offer now;
Thy name be hallowed far and near,
To Thee all nations bow.
- 2 Thy kingdom come; Thy will
On earth be done in love,
As saints and seraphim fulfil
Thy perfect law above.
- 3 Our daily bread supply
While by Thy word we live;
The guilt of our iniquity
Forgive as we forgive.

General Petition.

4 From dark temptation's power,
From Satan's wiles, defend;
Deliver in the evil hour,
And guide us to the end.

5 Thine shall for ever be
Glory and power divine;
The sceptre, throne, and majesty
Of heaven and earth are Thine.

James Montgomery. 1825.

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C. M.

O CHRIST, Thou bright and morning Star,
Now shed Thy light abroad:
Shine on us from Thy throne afar
With Thy pure glorious Word.

2 O Jesus, Comfort of the poor,
I lift my heart to Thee;
I know Thy mercies still endure,
And Thou wilt pity me.

3 For Thou didst suffer for my soul,
Her burdens to remove:
O make me through Thy sorrows whole,
Refresh me with Thy love.

4 Then, Jesus, glory, honor, praise,
I'll ever sing to Thee:
And Thou at last my soul wilt raise
To endless joys with Thee.

Unknown. 1579.

Tr. Catherine Winkworth. 1858 a.

General Petition.

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C. M,

SHINE on our souls, eternal God!
With rays of mercy shine:
Oh, let Thy favor crown our days,
And their whole course be Thine.

2 Did we not raise our hands to Thee,
Our hands might toil in vain:
Small joy success itself could give,
If Thou Thy love restrain.

3 'T is ours the furrows to prepare,
And sow the precious grain:
'T is Thine to give the sun and air,
And to command the rain.

4 With Thee let every week begin,
With Thee each day be spent,
For Thee each fleeting hour improved,
Since each by Thee is lent.

5 Thus cheer us through this toilsome road
Till all our labors cease;
And heaven refresh our weary souls
With everlasting peace.

Philip Doddridge. 1755 a.

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GOD of pity, God of grace:
When we humbly seek Thy face,
Bend from heav'n, Thy dwelling-place:
Hear, forgive, and save.

General Petition.

- 2 When we in Thy temple meet,
Spread our wants before Thy feet,
Pleading at the mercy-seat:
Look from heaven and save.
- 3 When Thy love our hearts shall fill,
And we long to do Thy will,
Turning to Thy holy hill:
Lord, accept and save.
- 4 Should we wander from Thy fold,
And our love to Thee grow cold,
With a pitying eye behold:
Lord, forgive and save.
- 5 Should the hand of sorrow press,
Earthly care and want distress,
May our souls Thy peace possess:
Jesus, hear and save.
- 6 And whate'er our cry may be,
When we lift our hearts to Thee,
From our burden set us free:
Hear, forgive, and save.

Eliza F. Morris. 1858.

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S. M. D.

A FEW more years shall roll,
A few more seasons come;
And we shall be with those that rest,
Asleep within the tomb:
Then, O my Lord, prepare
My soul for that great day;
Oh, wash me in Thy precious blood,
And take my sins away.

General Petition.

- 2 A few more storms shall beat
On this wild, rocky shore;
And we shall be where tempests cease,
And surges swell no more:
Then, O my Lord, prepare
My soul for that calm day;
Oh, wash me in Thy precious blood,
And take my sins away!
- 3 A few more struggles here,
A few more partings o'er,
A few more toils, a few more tears,
And we shall weep no more:
Then, O my Lord, prepare
My soul for that blest day;
Oh, wash me in Thy precious blood,
And take my sins away.
- 4 A few more Sabbaths here,
Shall cheer us on our way;
And we shall reach the endless rest,
Th' eternal Sabbath-day:
Then, O my Lord, prepare
My soul for that sweet day;
Oh, wash me in Thy precious blood,
And take my sins away!
- 5 'T is but a little while
And He shall come again,
Who died that we might live, who lives
That we with Him may reign;
Then, O my Lord, prepare
My soul for that glad day;
Oh, wash me in Thy precious blood,
And take my sins away!

General Petition.

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8s, 7s, D.

GENTLY, Lord, oh, gently lead us
Through this lonely vale of tears;
Through the changes Thou'st decreed us,
Till our last great change appears:
When temptation's darts assail us,
When in devious paths we stray,
Let Thy goodness never fail us;
Lead us in Thy perfect way.

- 2 In the hour of pain and anguish,
In the hour when death draws near,
Suffer not our hearts to languish,
Suffer not our souls to fear.
And when mortal life is ended,
Bid us on Thy bosom rest;
Till by angel-bands attended
We awake among the blest!

Thomas Hastings. 1831.

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7s.

LORD, we come before Thee now,
At Thy feet we humbly bow;
O do not our suit disdain;
Shall we seek Thee, Lord, in vain?

- 2 In Thine own appointed way,
Now we seek Thee, here we stay;
Lord, we cannot let Thee go
Till a blessing Thou bestow.
- 3 Send some message from Thy word
That may joy and peace afford;
Let Thy Spirit now impart
Full salvation to each heart.

General Petition.

- 4 Comfort those who weep and mourn,
Let the time of joy return;
Those who are cast down, lift up;
Make them strong in faith and hope.
- 5 Grant that all may seek and find
Thee a God supremely kind;
Heal the sick, the captive free,
Let us all rejoice in Thee.

William Hammond. 1745 c.

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6s, 4s.

MORE love to Thee, O Christ!
More love to Thee;
Hear Thou the prayer I make
On bended knee;
This is my earnest plea,
More love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee!

- 2 Once earthly joy I craved,
Sought peace and rest;
Now Thee alone I seek,
Give what is best:
This all my prayer shall be,
More love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee!
- 3 Let sorrow do its work,
Send grief and pain;
Sweet are Thy messengers,
Sweet their refrain,
When they can sing with me,
More love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee!

General Petition.

- 4 Then shall my latest breath,
Whisper Thy praise,
This be the parting cry
My heart shall raise;
This still its prayer shall be,
More love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee!

Elizabeth Prentiss. 1856.

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C. M.

MY drowsy powers, why sleep ye so?
Awake, my sluggish soul!
Nothing has half thy work to do,
Yet nothing's half so dull.

- 2 We, for whose sake all nature stands,
And stars their courses move;
We, for whose guard the angel bands
Come flying from above;
- 3 We, for whom God the Son came down,
And labored for our good,
How careless to secure that crown
He purchased with His blood.
- 4 Lord, shall we lie so sluggish still,
And never act our parts?
Come, holy Dove, from th' heavenly hill,
Renew and warm our hearts.

Isaac Watts. 1707.

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S. M. D.

JESUS, my strength, my hope,
On Thee I cast my care,
With humble confidence look up,
And know Thou hearest my prayer.

General Petition.

Give me on Thee to wait,
Till I can all things do;
On Thee, almighty to create,
Almighty to renew.

2 I want a godly fear,
A quick discerning eye,
That looks to Thee when sin is near,
And sees the tempter fly:
A spirit still prepared,
And armed with jealous care,
For ever standing on its guard,
And watching unto prayer.

3 I want a heart to pray,
To pray and never cease,
Never to murmur at Thy stay
Or wish my sufferings less.
This blessing, above all,
Always to pray, I want,
Out of the deep on Thee to call,
And never, never faint.

4 I rest upon Thy Word;
Thy promise is for me:
My succor and salvation, Lord,
Shall surely come from Thee.
But let me still abide,
Nor from my hope remove,
Till Thou my patient spirit guide
Into Thy perfect love.

Charles Wesley. 1742.

General Petition.

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8s, 7s, 4.

S AVIOUR, like a Shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tenderest care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare;
Blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

2 Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and power to free;
Blessèd Jesus,
Let us early turn to Thee.

3 Early let us seek Thy favor,
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessèd Lord and only Saviour,
With Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Henry F. Lyte. 1836.

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8s, 7s, D.

L OVE divine, all love excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

General Petition.

2 Breathe, oh, breathe Thy loving spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning,
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Graciously return, and never,
Never more Thy temples leave!
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy precious love.

4 Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure, and spotless may we be;
Let us see Thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in Thee!
Change from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley. 1747 a.

203

7s, 6s, D.

ONE with God the Father
In majesty and might,
The brightness of His glory,
Eternal Light of light;

General Petition.

O'er this our home of darkness
Thy rays are streaming now;
The shadows flee before Thee,
The world's true Light art Thou.

2 Yet, Lord, we see but darkly:—
O heavenly Light, arise,
Dispel these mists that shroud us,
And hide Thee from our eyes!
We long to track the footprints
That Thou Thyself hast trod;
We long to see the pathway
That leads to Thee, our God.

3 O Jesus, shine around us
With radiance of Thy grace;
O Jesus, turn upon us
The brightness of Thy face.
We need no star to guide us,
As on our way we press,
If Thou Thy light vouchsafest,
O Sun of righteousness.

William W. How. 1871.

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8s, 7s, 4

GUIDE me, O Thou great Jehovah!
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.

2 Open Thou the crystal fountain
Whence the healing streams do flow;

General Petition.

Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee.

*William Williams. 1745.
Tr. Peter Williams. 1771.*

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8s, 7s, 4.

I N Thy name, O Lord, assembling,
We, Thy people, now draw near:
Teach us to rejoice with trembling;
Speak, and let Thy servants hear;
Hear with meekness—
Hear Thy word with godly fear.

- 2 While our days on earth are lengthened,
May we give them, Lord, to Thee;
Cheered by hope, and daily strengthened,
May we run, nor weary be,
Till Thy glory
Without cloud in heaven we see.

- 3 There, in worship purer, sweeter,
All Thy people shall adore;
Tasting of enjoyment greater
Than they could conceive before;
Full enjoyment,
Full and pure forevermore.

Thomas Kelly. 1815.

The Christian Year—Advent.

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8s, 7s, 4.

WHILE we lowly bow before Thee,
Wilt Thou, gracious Saviour, hear?
We are poor and needy sinners,
Full of doubt and full of fear;
Gracious Saviour,
Make us humble and sincere.

2 Fill us with Thy Holy Spirit;
Sanctify us by Thy grace;
Oh, incline us more to love Thee,
And in dust our souls abase.
Hear us, Saviour,
And unveil Thy glorious face.

3 None in vain did ever ask Thee
For the Spirit of Thy love;
Hear us then, dear Saviour, hear us;
Grant an answer from above;
Blessèd Saviour,
Hear, and answer from above.

Daniel C. Colesworthy. 1857.

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR—ADVENT.

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7s, 6s, D.

REJOICE, all ye believers,
And let your lights appear!
The evening is advancing,
And darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising,
And soon He draweth nigh.
Up! pray, and watch, and wrestle—
At midnight comes the cry!

The Christian Year—Advent.

- 2 The watchers on the mountain
Proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go meet Him as He cometh,
With hallelujahs clear.
The marriage-feast is waiting,
The gates wide open stand;
Up, up, ye heirs of glory;
The Bridegroom is at hand!
- 3 Ye saints, who here in patience
Your cross and sufferings bore,
Shall live and reign for ever,
When sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory
The Lamb ye shall behold,
In triumph cast before Him
Your diadems of gold!
- 4 Our Hope and Expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, Thou Sun so longed for,
O'er this benighted sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted,
We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption,
That brings us unto Thee!

*Laurentius Laurenti. 1700
Tr. Jane Borthwick. 1853.*

ON Jordan's banks the Herald's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh:
Come then and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings from the King of kings.

The Christian Year—Advent.

- 2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin,
Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.
- 3 For Thou art our Salvation, Lord,
Our Refuge and our great Reward.
Without Thy grace our life must fade,
And wither like a flower decayed.
- 4 Stretch forth Thy hand, to health restore
And make us rise, to fall no more:
Once more upon Thy people shine,
And fill the world with love divine.
- 5 To Him who left the throne of heaven
To save mankind, all praise be given,
Like praise be to the Father done,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One.

*Charles Coffin. 1736.
Tr. John Chandler. 1837 a.*

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C. M.

HARK, the glad sound! the Saviour comes,
The Saviour promised long!
Let every heart prepare a throne,
And every voice a song.

- 2 On Him the Spirit, largely poured,
Exerts His sacred fire;
Wisdom and might, and zeal and love,
His holy breast inspire.

The Christian Year—Advent.

- 3 He comes the prisoners to release,
In Satan's bondage held;
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.
- 4 He comes, the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
T' enrich the humble poor.
- 5 Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With Thy belovèd name.

Philip Doddridge. 1735 ab.

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C. M.

- J OY to the world! the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns:
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 No more let sin and sorrow grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground:
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found.
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love.

Isaac Watts. 1719.

The Christian Year—Advent.

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8s, 7s, D.

- WHO is this, so weak and helpless,
Child of lowly Hebrew maid,
Rudely in a stable sheltered,
Coldly in a manger laid?
'T is the Lord of all creation,
Who this wondrous path hath trod;
He is God from everlasting,
And to everlasting, God.
- 2 Who is this,—a Man of sorrows,
Walking sadly life's hard way,
Homeless, weary, sighing, weeping
Over sin and Satan's sway?
'T is our God, our glorious Saviour,
Who above the starry sky
Now for us a place prepareth
Where no tear can dim the eye.
- 3 Who is this,—behold Him shedding
Drops of blood upon the ground?
Who is this,—despised, rejected,
Mocked, insulted, beaten, bound?
'T is our God, who gifts and graces
Poureth on His Church below,
Now, in royal might victorious,
Triumphing o'er every foe.
- 4 Who is this that hangeth dying,
While the rude world scoffs and scorns,
Numbered with the malefactors,
Torn with nails, and crowned with thorns?

The Christian Year—Advent.

'T is the God who ever liveth
'Mid the shining ones on high.
In the glorious golden city
Reigning everlastingly.

William W. How. 1867.

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LIGHT of those whose dreary dwelling
Borders on the shades of death!
Rise on us, Thy love revealing,
Dissipate the clouds beneath.

2 Thou of heaven and earth Creator,
In our deepest darkness rise,—
Scattering all the night of nature,
Pouring day upon our eyes.

3 Still we wait for Thine appearing;
Life and joy Thy beams impart,
Chasing all our fears, and cheering
Every poor benighted heart.

4 Come and manifest Thy favor
To the ransomed, helpless race;
Come, Thou glorious God and Saviour!
Come, and bring the gospel grace.

5 Save us, in Thy great compassion,
O Thou mild, pacific Prince!
Give the knowledge of salvation,
Give the pardon of our sins.

6 By Thine all-sufficient merit,
Every burdened soul release;
Every weary, wandering spirit,
Guide into Thy perfect peace.

Charles Wesley. 1746.

The Christian Year—Advent.

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C. M.

ARISE, the kingdom is at hand,
The King is drawing nigh;
Arise with joy, thou faithful band,
To meet the Lord most high!

- 2 Look up, ye souls weighed down with care,
The Sovereign is not far.
Look up, faint hearts, from your despair,
Behold the Morning Star!
- 3 Look up, ye drooping hearts, to-day!
The King is very near:
O cast your griefs and fears away,
For lo, your Help is here!
- 4 Hope, O ye broken hearts, at last!
The King comes on in might;
He loved us in the ages past,
When we lay wrapped in night.
- 5 Now fear and wrath to joy give place,
Now are our sorrows o'er,
Since God hath made us in His grace
His children evermore.
- 6 O rich the gifts Thou bringest us,
Thyself made poor and weak;
O Love beyond compare that thus
Can foes and sinners seek!
- 7 For this we raise a gladsome voice
On high to Thee alone,
And evermore with thanks rejoice
Before Thy glorious throne.

Johann Rist. 1651.

Tr. Catherine Winkworth. 1853.

WAKE, awake, for night is flying,
The watchmen on the heights are crying.
Awake, Jerusalem, at last!
Midnight hears the welcome voices,
And at the thrilling cry rejoices;
Come forth, ye virgins, night is past!
The Bridegroom comes, awake,
Your lamps with gladness take;
Hallelujah!
And for His marriage feast prepare,
For ye must go to meet Him there.

2 Zion hears the watchman singing,
And all her heart with joy is springing,
She wakes, she rises from her gloom;
For her Lord comes down all glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious,
Her star is risen, her Light is come!
Ah come, Thou blessèd Lord,
O Jesus, Son of God,
Hallelujah!
We follow till the halls we see
Where Thou hast bid us sup with Thee.

3 Now let all the heavens adore Thee,
And men and angels sing before Thee,
With harp and cymbal's clearest tone;
Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where we are with the choir immortal,
Of angels round Thy dazzling throne;

The Christian Year—Christmas.

Nor eye hath seen, nor ear
Hath yet attained to hear
What there is ours;
But we rejoice. and sing to Thee
Our hymns of joy eternally.

Philip Nicolai. 1599.

Tr. Christian Winkworth. 1858.

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR—CHRISTMAS.

215 C. M. D.

IT came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold;
“Peace to the earth, good-will to men,
From heaven’s all gracious King:”
The earth in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.

2 Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled;
And still celestial music floats
O’er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on heavenly wing,
And ever o’er its Babel sounds
The blessèd angels sing.

3 O ye, beneath life’s crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way,
With painful steps and slow;

The Christian Year—Christmas.

Look up! for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing,
Oh, rest beside the weary road,
And hear the angels sing!

- 4 For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophet-bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold!
When peace shall over all the earth
Its final splendors fling,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing!

Edmund H. Sears. 1849.

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11s.

COME hither, ye faithful, triumphantly sing :
Come see in the manger the angels' dread
King!

To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord;
Oh, come ye, come hither, to worship the Lord!

- 2 True Son of the Father, He comes from the skies,
To be born of a Virgin He does not despise:
To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord;
Oh, come ye, come hither, to worship the Lord!

- 3 Hark! hark to the angels, all singing in heaven,
"To God in the highest all glory be given!"
To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord;
Oh, come ye, come hither, to worship the Lord!

- 4 To Thee, then, O Jesus, this day of Thy birth,
Be glory and honor through heaven and earth.
True Godhead incarnate, omnipotent Word!
Oh, come, let us hasten to worship the Lord!

Tr. Edward Caswall. 1848 a.

The Christian Year—Christmas.

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C. M.

CALM on the listening ear of night
Come heaven's melodious strains,
Where wild Judea stretches far
Her silver-mantled plains.

2 Celestial choirs, from courts above,
Shed sacred glories there,
And angels, with their sparkling lyres,
Make music on the air.

3 The joyous hills of Palestine
Send back the glad reply,
And greet, from all their holy heights,
The Day-spring from on high.

4 O'er the blue depths of Galilee
There comes a holier calm,
And Sharon waves, in solemn praise,
Her silent groves of palm.

5 "Glory to God!" the sounding skies
Aloud with anthems ring;
"Peace to the earth, good will to men,
From heaven's eternal King!"

Edmund H. Sears. 1834.

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8s, 7s.

HARK! what mean those holy voices
Sweetly sounding through the skies?
Lo! th' angelic host rejoices;
Heavenly hallelujahs rise.

The Christian Year—Christmas.

- 2 Listen to the wondrous story,
Which they chant in hymns of joy:
“Glory in the highest, glory,
Glory be to God most high!
- 3 “Peace on earth, good will from heaven,
Reaching far as man is found;
Souls redeemed, and sins forgiven!
Loud our golden harps shall sound.
- 4 “Christ is born, the great Anointed;
Heaven and earth His glory sing!
Oh, receive whom God appointed
For your Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 5 “Hasten, mortals, to adore Him,
Learn His name, and taste His joy,
Till in heaven we sing before Him,
‘Glory be to God most high!’ ”

John Cawood. 1814 a.

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L. M.

- ALL praise to Thee, eternal Lord,
Clothed in a garb of flesh and blood;
Choosing a manger for Thy throne,
While worlds on worlds are Thine alone!
- 2 Once did the skies before Thee bow;
A virgin's arms contain Thee now;
Angels, who did in Thee rejoice,
Now listen for Thine infant voice.
 - 3 A little child, Thou art our guest,
That weary ones in Thee may rest;
Forlorn and lowly is Thy birth,
That we may rise to heaven from earth.

The Christian Year—Christmas.

4 Thou comest in the darksome night
To make us children of the light:
To make us, in the realms divine,
Like Thine own angels round Thee shine.

5 All this for us Thy love hath done:
By this to Thee our love is won;
For this we tune our cheerful lays,
And shout our thanks in ceaseless praise.

*Martin Luther. 1524.
Tr. 1858.*

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8s, 6s, 7, 6, 8, 6.

O LITTLE town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee to-night.

2 For Christ is born of Mary,
And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.

3 How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.

The Christian Year—Christmas.

No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still
The dear Christ enters in.

- 4 O holy Child of Bethlehem!
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us to-day.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
Oh, come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!

Phillips Brooks. 1865.

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8s, 7s, 4.

ANGELS, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye, who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

- 2 Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the heavenly light:
Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

- 3 Sages, leave your contemplations:
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations:
Ye have seen His natal star.
Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

The Christian Year—Christmas.

- 4 Saints, before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear:
Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

James Montgomery. 1816 a.

222

S. M.

O SAVIOUR of our race,
Welcome indeed Thou art,
Blessèd Redeemer, Fount of grace,
To this my longing heart.

- 2 Light of the world, abide
Through faith within my heart;
Leave me to seek no other guide,
Nor e'er from Thee depart.

- 3 Thou art the Life, O Lord!
Sole Light of life Thou art!
Let not Thy glorious rays be poured
In vain on my dark heart.

- 4 Star of the East, arise!
Drive all my clouds away;
Guide me till earth's dim twilight dies
Into the perfect day.

Laurentius Laurenti. 1700.

Tr. Catherine Winkworth. 1855.

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L. M.

WELCOME to earth, Thou noble Guest,
Through whom the sinful world is blest!
Thou comest to share our misery,
What thanks shall we return to Thee?

The Christian Year—Christmas.

- 2 Yet were the world ten times as wide,
With gold and jewels beautified,
It would be far too small to be
A narrow cradle, Lord, for Thee.
- 3 Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled,
Within my heart, that it may be
A quiet chamber kept for Thee.
- 4 Glory to God in highest heaven,
Who unto man His Son has given;
While angels sing with joyous mirth
A glad New Year to all the earth.

Martin Luther. 1535.

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7s, D.

HARK! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise;
Join the triumphs of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

REFRAIN—

Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new-born King.

- 2 Mild He lays His glory by;
Born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth;
Born to give them second birth.

The Christian Year—Christmas.

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.

- 3 Let us then with angels sing,
“Glory to the new-born King!—
Peace on earth, and mercy mild;
God and sinners reconciled!”
Come, Desire of nations, come,
Fix in us Thy humble home;
O, to all Thyself impart,
Formed in each believing heart!

Charles Wesley. 1739 a.

225

C. M. D.

WHILE shepherds watched their flocks by
night,
All seated on the ground;
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.
“Fear not,” said he,—for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind,—
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
To you and all mankind.

- 2 “To you, in David’s town this day,
Is born of David’s line
The Saviour, who is Christ, the Lord,
And this shall be the sign:—
The heavenly babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid.”

The Christian Year—Christmas.

- 3 Thus spake the seraph—and forthwith
 Appeared a shining throng
Of angels, praising God, who thus
 Addressed their joyful song:—
“All glory be to God on high,
 And to the earth be peace;
Good-will henceforth from heaven to men
 Begin, and never cease!”

Nahum Tate. 1702.

226

7s, 6l.

AS with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to Thee.

- 2 As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to Thy manger bed,
There to bend the knee before
Thee whom heaven and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek the mercy seat.

- 3 As they offered gifts most rare
At Thy cradle rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee our heavenly King.

The Christian Year—Christmas.

- 4 Holy Jesus, every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.
William C. Dix. 1860.

227

C. M.

- HIGH let us swell our tuneful notes
And join th' angelic throng;
For angels no such love have known
T' awake a cheerful song.
- 2 Good will to guilty men is shown,
And peace on earth is given;
For lo! the incarnate Saviour comes,
A messenger from heaven.
- 3 Justice and grace, with sweet accord,
His rising beams adorn:
Let heaven and earth in concert join,
Now such a Child is born.
- 4 Glory to God, in highest strains,
In highest worlds be paid!
His glory by our lips proclaimed,
And by our lives displayed.
- 5 When shall we reach those blissful realms
Where Christ exalted reigns,
And learn of yon celestial choir
Their own immortal strains?
Philip Doddridge. 1751 (?)

The Christian Year—Epiphany.

228

11s, 10s.

BRIGHTEST and best of the sons of the morning,

Dawn on our darkness, and lend us Thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

2 Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining;
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all!

3 Say, shall we yield Him, in costly devotion,
Odors of Edom, and offerings divine,
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would His favor secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

5 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness, and lend us Thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Reginald Heber. 1811.

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR—EPIPHANY.

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8s, 7s, 6l.

IN His temple now behold Him,
See, the long-expected Lord;
Ancient prophets had foretold Him,
God has now fulfilled His word,

The Christian Year—Epiphany.

Now to praise Him, His redeemèd
Shall break forth with one accord.

2 In the arms of her who bore Him,
Virgin pure, behold Him lie,
While His aged saints adore Him,
Ere in perfect faith they die.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Lo, the Incarnate God most high!

3 Jesus, by Thy presentation,
Thou who didst for us endure,
Make us see our great salvation,
Seal us with Thy promise sure;
And present us, in Thy glory,
To Thy Father, cleansed and pure.

Henry J. Pye. 1853.

230

L. M.

O CHRIST, our true and only Light,
Illumine those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear Thy voice,
And in Thy fold with us rejoice.

2 Fill with the radiance of Thy grace
The souls now lost in error's maze,
And all, O Lord, whose secret minds
Some dark delusion hurts and blinds.

3 And all who else have strayed from Thee,
O gently seek! Thy healing be
To every wounded conscience given,
And let them also share Thy heaven.

The Christian Year—Lent.

- 4 O make the deaf to hear Thy Word,
And teach the dumb to speak, dear Lord,
Who dare not yet the faith avow.
Though secretly they hold it now.
- 5 Shine on the darkened and the cold,
Recall the wanderers to Thy fold,
Unite those now who walk apart,
Confirm the weak and doubting heart.
- 6 So they with us may evermore
Such grace with wondering thanks adore,
And endless praise to Thee be given,
By all Thy Church in earth and heaven.

John Heermann. 1630.

Tr. Catherine Winkworth. 1858 a.

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR—LENT.

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8s, 7s.

[N the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me,
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming,
Adds more lustre to the day.

The Christian Year—Lent.

- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.
- 5 In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

John Bowring. 1825.

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S. M.

- NOT all the blood of beasts
On Jewish altars slain,
Could give the guilty conscience peace,
Or wash away the stain.
- 2 But Christ, the heavenly Lamb,
Takes all our sins away,
A sacrifice of nobler name,
And richer blood, than they.
- 3 My faith would lay her hand
On that dear head of Thine,
While as a penitent I stand,
And there confess my sin.
- 4 My soul looks back to see
The burden Thou didst bear,
When hanging on the cursèd tree,
And knows her guilt was there.
- 5 Believing, we rejoice
To see the curse remove;
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice,
And sing His bleeding love.

Isaac Watts. 1709 a.

The Christian Year—Lent.

233 6s, 6l.

THY life was given for me,
Thy blood, O Lord, was shed,
That I might ransomed be,
And quickened from the dead;
Thy life was given for me;
What have I given for Thee?

2 Long years were spent for me
In weariness and woe,
That through eternity
Thy glory I might know;
Long years were spent for me;
Have I spent one for Thee?

3 And Thou hast brought to me
Down from Thy home above
Salvation full and free,
Thy pardon and Thy love;
Great gifts Thou broughtest me;
What have I brought to Thee?

4 Oh, let my life be given,
My years for Thee be spent;
World-fetters all be riven,
And joy with suffering blent:
Thou gavest Thyself for me,
I give myself to Thee.

Frances R. Havergal. 1858 a.

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AS oft with worn and weary feet,
We tread earth's rugged valley o'er,
The thought how comforting and sweet,
Christ trod this very path before!

The Christian Year—Lent.

Our wants and weaknesses He knows,
From life's first dawning till its close.

2 Does sickness, feebleness, or pain,
Or sorrow in our path appear?
The recollection will remain,
More deeply did He suffer here;
His life how truly sad and brief,
Filled up with suffering and with grief.

3 If Satan tempt our hearts to stray,
And whisper evil things within,
So did he in the desert way
Assail our Lord with thoughts of sin:
When worn, and in a feeble hour,
The tempter came with all his power.

4 Just such as I, this earth He trod,
With every human ill but sin;
And, though indeed the very God,
As I am now, so He has been;
My God, my Saviour, look on me
With pity, love, and sympathy.

James Edmeston. 1833.

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SAVIOUR, when in dust, to Thee
Low we bow th' adoring knee;
When, repentant, to the skies
Scarce we lift our weeping eyes:
Oh, by all Thy pains and woe,
Suffered once for man below,
Bending from Thy throne on high,
Hear our solemn litany.

The Christian Year—Lent.

- 2 By Thy birth and early years,
By Thy human griefs and fears,
By Thy fasting and distress
In the lonely wilderness:
By Thy victory in the hour
Of the subtle tempter's power;
Jesus, look with pitying eye,
Hear our solemn litany.
- 3 By Thine hour of dark despair,
By Thine agony and prayer,
By the purple robe of scorn,
By Thy wounds, Thy crown of thorn;
By Thy cross, Thy pangs and cries;
By Thy perfect sacrifice;
Listen to our humble cry,
Hear our solemn litany.
- 4 By Thy deep expiring groan,
By the sealed sepulchral stone,
By Thy triumph o'er the grave,
By Thy power from death to save;
Mighty God, ascended Lord,
To Thy throne in heaven restored,
Saviour, Prince, exalted high,
Hear our solemn litany.

Robert Grant. 1815 a.

L ORD Jesus, by Thy passion,
To Thee I make my prayer;
Thou who in mercy smitest,
Have mercy, Lord, and spare:

The Christian Year—Lent.

Oh, wash me in the fountain
That floweth from Thy side;
Oh, clothe me in the raiment
Thy blood hath purified.

2 Oh, hold Thou up my goings,
And lead from strength to strength,
That unto Thee in Zion
I may appear at length.
Oh, make my spirit worthy
To join the ransomed throng;
Oh, teach my lips to utter
That everlasting song.

3 Oh, give that last, best blessing
That even saints can know,
To follow in Thy footsteps
Wherever Thou dost go.
Not wisdom, might, or glory,
I ask to win above;
I ask for Thee, Thee only,
O Thou eternal Love!

Richard F. Littledale. 1864.

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STRICKEN, smitten, and afflicted,
See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, 't is He, 't is He!
Mark the Sacrifice appointed!
See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed,
Son of man, and Son of God.

The Christian Year—Lent.

- 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning,
Foes insulting His distress:
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
None would interpose to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him
Was the stroke that Justice gave.
- 3 Here we have a firm foundation;
Here's the refuge of the lost;
Christ's the Rock of our salvation:
His the name of which we boast:
Lamb of God for sinners wounded!
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on Thee their hope have built.

Thomas Kelly. 1804.

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C. M.

THERE is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.

- 2 The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there have I, though vile as he,
Washed all my sins away.
- 3 Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power,
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved, to sin no more.

The Christian Year—Lent.

4 E'er since by faith, I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.

5 Then, in a nobler, sweeter song,
I'll sing Thy power to save,
When this poor lisping, stammering tongue
Lies silent in the grave.

William Cowper. 1779 a.

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C. M.

OUR country is Immanuel's ground,
We seek that promised soil:
The songs of Zion cheer our hearts,
While strangers here we toil.

2 Oft do our eyes with joy o'erflow,
And oft are bathed in tears;
Yet nought but heaven our hopes can raise,
And nought but sin our fears.

3 We tread the path our Master trod;
We bear the cross He bore;
And every thorn that wounds our feet
His temples pierced before.

4 Our powers are oft dissolved away
In ecstasies of love;
And while our bodies wander here
Our souls are fixed above.

Anna L. Barbauld. 1792.

The Christian Year—Lent.

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GO to dark Gethsemane,
Ye that feel the tempter's power:
Your Redeemer's conflict see,
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

2 Follow to the judgment hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
Learn of Him to bear the cross.

3 Calvary's mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete:
"It is finished," hear Him cry:
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

4 Early hasten to the tomb
Where they lay His breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom;
Who hath taken Him away?
Christ is risen; He meets our eyes!
Saviour, teach us so to rise.

James Montgomery. 1822.

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L. M.

THIS midnight; and on Olive's brow
The star is dimmed that lately shone:
'T is midnight; in the garden now
The suffering Saviour prays alone.

The Christian Year—Lent.

2 'T is midnight; and from all removed,
Immanuel wrestles lone, with fears;
E'en the disciple that He loved
Heeds not his Master's grief and tears.

3 'T is midnight; and for others' guilt
The Man of Sorrows weeps in blood;
Yet He that hath in anguish knelt
Is not forsaken by His God.

4 'T is midnight; and from ether-plains
Is borne the song that angels know:
Unheard by mortals are the strains
That sweetly soothe the Saviour's woe.

William B. Tappan. 1822.

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C. M.

A LAS! and did my Saviour bleed,
And did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?

2 Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

3 Well might the sun in darkness hide,
And shut his glories in,
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died
For man the creature's sin!

4 Thus might I hide my blushing face,
While His dear cross appears;
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt my eyes to tears.

The Christian Year—Lent.

- 5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away,
'Tis all that I can do.

Isaac Watts. 1709.

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- O SACRED Head! now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown;
O sacred Head! what glory,
What bliss, till now, was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.
- 2 How art Thou pale with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn;
How does that visage languish
Which once was bright as morn!
What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered,
Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain.
- 3 What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end!
Lord, make me Thine for ever,
Nor let me faithless prove;
Oh, let me never, never
Abuse such dying love!

The Christian Year—Lent.

- 4 Forbid that I should leave Thee;
O Jesus, leave not me;
By faith I would receive Thee;
Thy blood can make me free;
When strength and comfort languish,
And I must hence depart,
Release me then from anguish,
By Thine own wounded heart.

Bernard of Clairvaux. 1153.

Paul Gerhardt. 1653.

Tr. James W. Alexander. 1829 a.

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THOU sweet gliding Kedron, by thy silver
streams

Our Saviour at midnight, when moon-light's pale
beams

Shone bright on the waters, would frequently
stray,

And lose in thy murmurs the toils of the day.

- 2 How damp were the vapors that fell on His head!
How hard was His pillow, how humble His bed!
The angels, astonished, grew sad at the sight,
And followed their Master with solemn delight.
- 3 Oh, garden of Olives, thou dear, honored spot,
The fame of thy wonders shall ne'er be forgot;
The theme most transporting to seraphs above;
The triumph of sorrow—the triumph of love.
- 4 Come, saints, and adore Him; come, bow at His
feet,
Oh, give Him the glory, the praise that is meet;
Let joyful hosannas unceasing arise,
And join the full chorus that gladdens the skies.

Maria DeFleury. 1791.

The Christian Year—Lent.

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L. M.

WHEN I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride,

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet!
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts. 1709 a.

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C. M.

THERE is a dear and hallowed spot
Oft present to my eye;
By saints it ne'er can be forgot;
That place is Calvary.

2 Oh, what a scene was there displayed
Of love and agony,
When our Redeemer bowed His head
And died on Calvary!

The Christian Year—Lent.

- 3 When fainting under guilt's dread load,
Unto the cross I'll fly;
And trust the merit of that blood
Which flowed at Calvary.
- 4 Whene'er I feel temptation's power,
On Jesus I'll rely;
And, in the sharp, conflicting hour,
Repair to Calvary.
- 5 When seated at the feast of love,
Then will I fix mine eye
On Him who intercedes above,
Who bled on Calvary.
- 6 When the dark scene of death, the last
Momentous hour, draws nigh,
Then, with my dying eyes, I'll cast
A look on Calvary.

"Anne." 1812.

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C. M. D.

- O LORD, when we the path retrace
Which Thou on earth hast trod;
To man Thy wondrous love and grace,
Thy faithfulness to God:
Thy love, by man so sorely tried,
Proves stronger than the grave;
The very spear that pierced Thy side
Drew forth the blood to save.
- 2 Faithful amid unfaithfulness,
'Mid darkness only light,
Thou didst Thy Father's name confess,
And in His will delight;

The Christian Year—Lent.

Unmoved by Satan's subtle wiles,
Or suffering, shame, and loss:
Thy path, uncheered by earthly smiles,
Led only to the cross.

- 3 O Lord! with sorrow and with shame,
Before Thee we confess
How little we, who bear Thy name,
Thy mind, Thy ways express.
Give us Thy meek, Thy lowly mind:
We would obedient be,
And all our rest and pleasure find
In learning, Lord, of Thee.

James G. Deck. 1838.

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SWEET the moments, rich in blessing,
Which before the cross I spend;
Life and health and peace possessing,
From the sinner's dying Friend.
Love and grief my heart dividing,
With my tears His feet I'd bathe;
Constant still in faith abiding,
Life deriving from His death.

- 2 Truly blessèd is this station—
Low before His cross to lie;
While I see divine compassion
Beaming in His gracious eye.
Here I'll sit, forever viewing
Mercy streaming in His blood:
Precious drops, my soul bedewing,
Plead and claim my peace with God

*James Allen. 1757.
Walter Shirley. 1774 a.*

The Christian Year—Lent.

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H. M.

ARISE, my soul, arise,
Shake off thy guilty fears,
The bleeding Sacrifice
In my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

2 He ever lives above,
For me to intercede;
His all-redeeming love,
His precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for all our race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

3 Five bleeding wounds He bears,
Received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers,
They strongly speak for me;
Forgive him, oh, forgive, they cry,
Nor let that ransomed sinner die.

4 To God I'm reconciled,
His pardoning voice I hear:
He owns me for His child,
I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And, "Father, Abba Father!" cry.

Charles Wesley. 1742 a.

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HARK! the voice of love and mercy
Sounds aloud from Calvary!
See! it rends the rocks asunder,

The Christian Year—Lent.

Shakes the earth, and veils the sky:

“It is finished!”

Hear the dying Saviour cry.

- 2 “It is finished!”—Oh, what pleasure
Do these charming words afford!
Heavenly blessings, without measure,
Flow to us through Christ, the Lord!
“It is finished!”
Saints, the dying words record.

- 3 Tune your harps anew, ye seraphs,
Join to sing the pleasing theme;
All in earth, and all in heaven,
Join to praise Immanuel’s name!
Hallelujah!
Glory to the bleeding Lamb!

Jonathan Evans. 1787.

251 *For whom, for whom, my heart,* S. M.

BEHOLD th’ amazing sight,
The Saviour lifted high!
Behold the Son of God’s delight
Expire in agony.

- 2 For whom, for whom, my heart,
Were all these sorrows borne?
Why did He feel that piercing smart,
And meet that various scorn?
- 3 For love of us He bled,
And all in torture died;
’T was love that bowed His fainting head,
And ope’d His gushing side.

The Christian Year—Lent.

4 In sympathy of love
Let all the earth combine;
And, drawn by cords so gentle, prove
The energy divine.

5 In Him our hearts unite,
Nor share His griefs alone,
But from His cross pursue their flight
To His triumphant throne.

Philip Doddridge. 1755 a.

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WEARY sinner, keep thine eyes
On th' atoning Sacrifice;
View Him bleeding on the tree,
Pouring out His life for thee;
There thy every sin He bore;
Weeping soul, lament no more.

2 Cast thy guilty soul on Him,
Find Him mighty to redeem;
At His feet thy burden lay,
Look thy doubts and care away:
Now by faith the Son embrace,
Plead His promise, trust His grace.

Augustus M. Toplady. 1759 a.

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L. M.

L ORD Jesus, when we stand afar,
And gaze upon Thy holy cross,
In love of Thee, and scorn of self,
O may we count the world as lost.

The Christian Year—Lent.

- 2 When we behold Thy bleeding wounds,
And the rough way that Thou hast trod,
Make us to hate the load of sin
That lay so heavy on our God.
- 3 O holy Lord, uplifted high,
With outstretched arms, in mortal woe
Embracing in Thy wondrous love
The sinful world that lies below;
- 4 Give us an ever-living faith
To gaze beyond the things we see;
And in the mystery of Thy death
Draw us and all men unto Thee.

William W. How. 1854.

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S. M.

- I**N weariness and pain,
By sins and fears opprest,
I turn me to my Rest again,
My soul's eternal Rest:
- 2 The Lamb that died for me,
And still my load doth bear;
To Jesus' streaming wounds I flee,
And find my quiet there.
- 3 Jesus, was ever grief,
Was ever love like Thine?
Thy sorrow, Lord, is my relief,
Thy life hath ransomed mine.
- 4 Oh, may I rise with Thee,
And soar to things above,
And spend a blest eternity
In praise of dying love.

Charles Wesley. 1749 a.

The Christian Year—Lent.

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S. M.

AND shall we still be slaves,
And in our fetters lie,
When summoned by a voice divine
T' assert our liberty.

2 Did the great Saviour bleed,
Our freedom to obtain?
And shall we trample on His blood,
And glory in our chain?

3 Shall we go on to sin,
Because Thy grace abounds;
Or crucify the Lord again,
And open all His wounds?

4 Forbid it, mighty God!
Nor let it e'er be said,
That those for whom Thy Son has died
In vice are lost and dead.

Anon.

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P. M.

PART I.

"Father, forgive them."

JESUS, in Thy dying woes,
Even while Thy life-blood flows,
Craving pardon for Thy foes:—
Hear us, holy Jesus!

2 Saviour, for our pardon sue,
When our sins Thy pangs renew,
For we know not what we do.

The Christian Year—Lent.

- 3 Oh, may we, who mercy need,
Be like Thee in heart and deed,
When with wrong our spirits bleed!

PART II.

“To-day in Paradise.”

- 1 Jesus, pitying the sighs
Of the thief, who near Thee dies,
Promising him Paradise:—
Hear us, holy Jesus!

- 2 May we in our guilt and shame,
Still Thy love and mercy claim,
Calling humbly on Thy name!

- 3 Oh, remember us who pine,
Looking from our cross to Thine:
Cheer our souls with hope divine!

PART III.

“Woman, behold thy Son.”

- 1 Jesus, loving to the end
Her whose heart Thy sorrows rend,
And Thy dearest human friend:—
Hear us, holy Jesus!

- 2 May we in Thy sorrows share,
And for Thee all peril dare,
And enjoy Thy tender care!

- 3 May we all Thy loved ones be,
All one holy family,
Loving for the love of Thee!

The Christian Year—Lent.

PART IV.

“Why hast Thou forsaken Me?”

- 1 Jesus, whelmed in fears unknown,
With our evil left alone
While no light from heaven is shown:—
Hear us, holy Jesus!
- 2 When we vainly seem to pray,
And our hope seems far away,
In the darkness be our stay!
- 3 Though no Father seem to hear,
Though no light our spirits cheer,
Tell our faith that God is near!

PART V.

“I thirst.”

- 1 Jesus, in Thy thirst and pain,
While Thy wounds Thy life-blood drain,
Thirsting more our love to gain:—
Hear us, holy Jesus!
- 2 Thirst for us in mercy still;
And Thy holy work fulfill—
Satisfy Thy loving will!
- 3 May we thirst Thy love to know;
Lead us in our sin and woe
Where the healing waters flow!

The Christian Year—Lent.

PART VI.

"It is finished."

- 1 Jesus, all our ransom paid,
All Thy Father's will obeyed,
By Thy sufferings perfect made:—
Hear us, holy Jesus!
- 2 Save us in our soul's distress,
Be our help to cheer and bless,
While we grow in holiness!
- 3 Brighten all our heavenward way,
With an ever holier ray,
Till we pass to perfect day!

PART VII.

"Father, into Thy Hands."

- 1 Jesus, all Thy labor vast,
All Thy woe and conflict past,
Yielding up Thy soul at last:—
Hear us, holy Jesus!
- 2 When the death shades round us lower,
Guard us from the tempter's power,
Keep us in that trial hour!
- 3 May Thy life and death supply
Grace to live and grace to die,
Grace to reach the home on high!

Thomas B. Pollock. 1870.

The Christian Year—Palm Sunday.

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR—PALM SUNDAY.

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WHEN, His salvation bringing,
To Zion Jesus came,
The children all stood singing
Hosanna to His name.
Nor did their zeal offend Him,
But as He rode along,
He let them still attend Him,
And smiled to hear their song.

2 And since the Lord retaineth
His love for children still,
Though now as King He reigneth
On Zion's heavenly hill,
We'll flock around His banner,
Who sits upon the throne,
And cry aloud "Hosanna
To David's royal Son."

3 For should we fail proclaiming
Our Great Redeemer's praise,
The stones, our silence shaming,
Might well hosanna raise.
But shall we only render
The tribute of our words?
No! while our hearts are tender,
They, too, shall be the Lord's.

John King. 1830.

The Christian Year—Palm Sunday.

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O H, how shall I receive Thee,
How meet Thee on Thy way;
Blest hope of every nation,
My soul's delight and stay?
O Jesus, Jesus, give me
Now by Thine own pure light,
To know whate'er is pleasing
And welcome in Thy sight.

2 Thy Zion palms is strewing,
And branches fresh and fair;
My soul in praise awaking,
Her anthem shall prepare.
Perpetual thanks and praises
Forth from my heart shall spring;
And to Thy name the service
Of all my powers I bring.

3 Ye, who with guilty terror
Are trembling, fear no more:
With love and grace the Saviour
Shall you to hope restore.
He comes, who contrite sinners
Will with the children place,
The children of His Father,
The heirs of life and grace.

Paul Gerhardt. 1653.

Tr. Arthur T. Russell. 1851.

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L. M.

RIDE on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

The Christian Year—Easter.

- 2 Ride on! ride on in majesty!
The last and fiercest strife is nigh:
The Father on His sapphire throne
Awaits His own anointed Son.
- 3 Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain;
Then take, O God, Thy power, and reign.
Henry H. Milman. 1827.

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR—EASTER.

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H. M.

- THE happy morn is come!
The Saviour leaves the grave!
He triumphs o'er the tomb,
Omnipotent to save.
Captivity is captive led,
Since Jesus liveth that was dead.
- 2 Who to our charge shall lay
Iniquity and guilt?
The curse is done away
By Him whose blood was spilt;
Captivity is captive led,
Since Jesus liveth that was dead.
- 3 Conquered is Death and Hell;
Believers now are free;
The glorious tidings tell,
Bear them o'er land and sea:
Captivity is captive led,
Since Jesus liveth that was dead.

The Christian Year—Easter.

- 4 All hail, blest Saviour, hail!
The Resurrection, Thou!
Thy kingdom ne'er shall fail;
To Thee shall nations bow.
Captivity is captive led,
Since Jesus liveth that was dead.

Thomas Haweis. 1792 a.

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- CHRIST, the Lord, is risen to-day,
Sons of men, and angels say:
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply!
- 2 Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo, the Sun's eclipse is o'er,
Lo, He sets in blood no more!
- 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ hath burst the gates of hell!
Death in vain forbids His rise.
Christ hath opened Paradise.
- 4 Lives again our glorious King:
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Dying once, He all doth save:
Where thy victory, O grave?
- 5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to Thee by both be given!
Thee we greet, triumphant now!
Hail, the Resurrection Thou!

Charles Wesley. 1739.

The Christian Year—Easter.

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L. M.

LORD Jesus, who, our souls to save,
Didst rest and slumber in the grave,
Now grant us all in Thee to rest,
And here to live as seems Thee best.

2 Give us the strength, the dauntless faith,
That Thou hast purchased with Thy Death,
And lead us to that glorious place,
Where we shall see the Father's face.

3 O Lamb of God, who once wast slain,
We thank Thee for that bitter pain.
Let us partake Thy Death, that we
May enter into Life with Thee.

George Werner. 1638.

Tr. Catherine Winkworth. 1858.

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THE day of resurrection
Earth, tell it out abroad:
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over,
With hymns of victory.

2 Our hearts be pure from evil,
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection light;

The Christian Year—Easter.

And, listening to His accents,
May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing,
May raise the victor-strain.

- 3 Now let the heavens be joyful,
And earth her song begin,
The round world keep high triumph,
And all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen
Their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen,
Our Joy that hath no end.

*St. John of Damascus. ab. 830
Tr. John M. Neale. 1862.*

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JESUS lives! no longer now
Can thy terrors, Death, appal me;
Jesus lives! by this I know,
From the grave He will recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.

- 2 Jesus lives! to Him the throne
High o'er heaven and earth is given:
I shall go where He is gone,
Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is pledged; weak doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.

- 3 Jesus lives! for me He died,
Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide,
Praise to Him and glory giving.

The Christian Year—Easter.

Freely God doth aid dispense;
This shall be my confidence.

4 Jesus lives! I know full well,
Naught from me His Love shall sever;
Life, nor death, nor powers of hell,
Part me now from Christ for ever.
God will be a sure Defence;
This shall be my confidence.

5 Jesus lives! henceforth is death
But the gate of Life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath,
When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense,
“Lord, Thou art my Confidence!”

Christian F. Gellert. 1757.

Tr. Frances E. Cox. 1841–1864.

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C. L. M.

HOW calm and beautiful the morn
That gilds the sacred tomb,
Where once the Crucified was borne,
And veiled in midnight gloom.
Oh, weep no more the Saviour slain,
The Lord is risen, He lives again.

2 Ye mourning saints, dry every tear
For your departed Lord:
“Behold the place, He is not here,”
The tomb is all unbarred;
The gates of death were closed in vain,
The Lord is risen, He lives again.

The Christian Year—Easter.

- 3 How tranquil now the rising day!
'T is Jesus still appears,
A risen Lord, to chase away
Your unbelieving fears;
Oh, weep no more your comforts slain,
The Lord is risen, He lives again.
- 4 And when the shades of evening fall,
When life's last hour draws nigh,
If Jesus shine upon the soul,
How blissful then to die;
Since He has risen who once was slain,
Ye die in Christ to live again.

Thomas Hastings. 1831.

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H. M.

- ALL hail the glorious morn
That saw our Saviour rise,
With victory bright adorned,
And triumph in His eyes!
Ye saints, extol your risen Lord,
And sing His praise with sweet accord.
- 2 Behold the Lamb of God,
The atoning Sacrifice,
Sustains the dreadful load
Of man's iniquities;
Death, sin, and hell, our cruel foes,
All vanquished fell when Jesus rose.
- 3 The Conqueror ascends
In triumph to the skies:
Celestial hosts attend,
To crown His victories;
Hark! they proclaim His glorious name!
And heaven resounds Immanuel's fame.

The Christian Year—Easter.

- 4 Now to the throne above
Let every saint draw near;
There dwells incarnate love;
Grace sits triumphant there;
See mercy smile, e'en on that throne
Where once did wrath and justice frown.
John Peacock. 1776.

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H. M.

YES, the Redeemer rose,
The Saviour left the dead,
And o'er our hellish foes
High raised His conquering head.
In wild dismay
The guards around
Fall to the ground
And sink away.

- 2 Lo! the angelic bands
In full assembly meet,
To wait His high commands,
And worship at His feet.
Joyful they come,
And wing their way
From realms of day
To Jesus' tomb.
- 3 Then back to heaven they fly,
The joyful news to bear.
Hark! as they soar on high,
What music fills the air!
Their anthems say:
"Jesus, who bled,
Hath left the dead;
He rose to-day."

The Christian Year—Easter.

- 4 Ye mortals, catch the sound,
Redeemed by Him from hell;
And send the echo round
The globe on which you dwell.
With Christ we rise,
With Christ we reign,
And empires gain
Beyond the skies.

Philip Doddridge. 1755.

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7s.

- CHRIST the Lord is risen again;
Christ hath broken every chain:
Hark, angelic voices cry,
Singing evermore on high, Alleluia!
- 2 He who gave for us His life,
Who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb to-day;
We too sing for joy, and say, Alleluia!
- 3 He who bore all pain and loss
Comfortless upon the cross,
Lives in glory now on high,
Pleads for us and hears our cry, Alleluia!
- 4 He who slumbered in the grave,
Is exalted now to save;
Now through Christendom it rings
That the Lamb is King of kings, Alleluia!
- 5 Now He bids us tell abroad
How the lost may be restored,
How the penitent forgiven,
How we too may enter heaven, Alleluia!

The Christian Year—Ascension.

- 6 Thou our Paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, to-day Thy people feed;
Take our sins and guilt away,
That we all may sing for aye, Alleluia!

Rev. Michael Weisse. 1531.

Tr. Catherine Winkworth. 1858 a.

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR—ASCENSION.

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L. M.

- OUR Lord is risen from the dead:
Our Jesus has gone up on high;
The powers of hell are captive led,
Dragged to the portals of the sky.
- 2 There His triumphal chariot waits,
And angels chant the solemn lay:
Lift up your heads, ye heavenly gates:
Ye everlasting doors, give way!
- 3 Loose all your bars of massy light,
And wide unfold the radiant scene;
He claims these mansions as His right:
Receive the King of Glory in!
- 4 Who is the King of Glory, who?
The Lord who all our foes o'ercame;
The world, sin, death, and hell o'erthrew;
And Jesus is the Conqueror's name.

John and Charles Wesley. 1743.

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7s.

- JESUS, our triumphant Head,
Risen victorious from the dead,
To the realms of glory's gone,
To ascend His rightful throne.

The Christian Year—Ascension.

- 2 Cherubs on the Conqueror gaze,
Seraphs glow with brighter blaze;
Each bright order of the sky
Hails Him as He passes by.
- 3 Sinners, join the heavenly powers,
For redemption all is ours.
Humble penitents shall prove
Blood-bought pardon, dying love.
- 4 Hail, Thou dear, Thou worthy Lord!
Holy Lamb, incarnate Word!
Hail, Thou suffering Son of God!
Take the trophies of Thy blood.

Joseph Hart.

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C. M.

- O CHRIST, our hope, our heart's desire,
Redemption's only spring!
Creator of the world art Thou,
Its Saviour and its King.
- 2 How vast the mercy and the love
Which laid our sins on Thee,
And led Thee to a cruel death,
To set Thy people free!
 - 3 But now the bands of death are burst,
The ransom has been paid;
And Thou art on Thy Father's throne,
In glorious robes arrayed.
 - 4 O may Thy mighty love prevail
Our sinful souls to spare!
O may we come before Thy throne,
And find acceptance there!

The Christian Year—Ascension.

5 O Christ, be Thou our present joy,
Our future great reward;
Our only glory may it be
To glory in the Lord!

Before 900.

Tr. John Chandler. 1837.

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7s, D.

HAIL the day that sees Him rise
To His throne above the skies!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given,
Enters now the highest heaven.
There for Him high triumph waits;
Lift your heads, eternal gates!
Wide unfold the radiant scene;
Take the King of Glory in.

2 Lo! the heaven its Lord receives
Yet He loves the earth He leaves;
Though returning to His throne,
Still he calls mankind His own.
See, He lifts His hands above!
See, He shows the prints of love!
Hark, His gracious lips bestow
Blessings on His Church below!

3 Still for us His death He pleads;
Prevalent, He intercedes;
Near Himself prepares our place,
He the first-fruits of our race.
Lord, though parted from our sight
Far above the starry height,
Grant our hearts may thither rise,
Seeking Thee above the skies.

Charles Wesley. 1739 a.

The Christian Year—Whitsunday.

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8s, 7s, 4s, 7.

LOOK, ye saints; the sight is glorious:
See the Man of Sorrows now;
From the fight returned victorious,
Every knee to Him shall bow!
Crown Him, crown Him;
Crowns become the Victor's brow.

2 Crown the Saviour, angels, crown Him!
Rich the trophies that He brings;
In the seat of power enthrone Him,
While the vault of Heaven rings:
Crown Him, crown Him;
Crown the Saviour King of kings.

3 Sinners in derision crowned Him,
Mocking thus the Saviour's claim;
Saints and angels crowd around Him,
Own His title, praise His name:
Crown Him, crown Him;
Spread abroad the Victor's fame.

4 Hark! those bursts of acclamation!
Hark! those loud, triumphant chords!
Jesus takes the highest station;
O, what joy the sight affords!
Crown Him, crown Him
King of kings, and Lord of lords.

Thomas Kelly. 1809.

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR—WHITSUNDAY.

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C. M.

SPIRIT of truth, on this Thy day,
To Thee for help we cry,
To guide us through the weary way,
Of dark mortality.

The Christian Year—Whitsunday.

- 2 We ask not, Lord, the cloven flame,
Or tongues of various tone;
But long Thy praises to proclaim,
With fervor in our own.
- 3 We mourn not that prophetic skill
Is found on earth no more:
Enough for us to trace Thy will
In Scripture's sacred lore.
- 4 When tongues shall cease, and power decay,
And knowledge empty prove,
Do Thou Thy trembling servants stay
With faith, and hope, and love.

Reginald Heber. 1827.

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S. M.

- L**ORD God, the Holy Ghost!
In this accepted hour,
As on the day of Pentecost,
Descend in all Thy power.
- 2 We meet with one accord
In our appointed place,
And plead the promise of our Lord,
The Spirit of all grace.
 - 3 The young, the old inspire
With wisdom from above;
And give us hearts and tongues of fire,
To pray, and praise, and love.
 - 4 Spirit of light, explore
And chase our gloom away,
With lustre shining more and more
Unto the perfect day!

The Christian Year—Whitsunday.

5 Spirit of truth, be Thou
In life and death our Guide;
O Spirit of adoption, now
May we be sanctified!

James Montgomery. 1819 a.

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8, 8, 6, D.

TO Thee, O Comforter divine,
For all Thy grace and power benign,
Sing we Alleluia!
To Thee, whose faithful love had place
In God's great covenant of grace,
Sing we Alleluia!

2 To Thee, whose faithful voice doth win
The wandering from the ways of sin,
Sing we Alleluia!
To Thee, whose faithful power doth heal,
Enlighten, sanctify, and seal,
Sing we Alleluia!

3 To Thee, whose faithful truth is shown
By every promise made our own,
Sing we Alleluia!
To Thee, our Teacher and our Friend,
Our faithful Leader to the end,
Sing we Alleluia!

4 To Thee, by Jesus Christ sent down,
Of all His gifts the sum and crown,
Sing we Alleluia!
To Thee, who art with God the Son
And God the Father ever One,
Sing we Alleluia!

Frances R. Havergal. 1872.

The Christian Year—Trinity Sunday.

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR—TRINITY SUNDAY.

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S. M.

O LORD our God, arise;
The cause of truth maintain;
And wide o'er all the peopled world
Extend her blessèd reign.

2 Thou Prince of life, arise,
Nor let Thy glory cease;
Far spread the conquests of Thy grace,
And bless the earth with peace.

3 Thou Holy Ghost, arise,
Expand Thy heavenly wing,
And o'er a dark and ruined world
Let light and order spring.

4 All on the earth, arise,
To God the Saviour sing;
From shore to shore, from earth to heaven,
Let echoing anthems ring.

Anon. 1800 a.

THE CHURCH—HER FOUNDATION AND NATURE.

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7s, 6s, D.

THE Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word;
From heaven He came, and sought her
To be His holy Bride,
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

The Church—Her Foundation and Nature.

- 2 Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one Faith, one Birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy Food,
And to one Hope she presses,
With every grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore opprest,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distrest;
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.
- 4 Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Samuel J. Stone. 1866.

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L. M.

O LORD of hosts, whose glory fills
The bounds of the eternal hills,
And yet vouchsafes, in Christian lands,
To dwell in temples made with hands.

The Church—Her Foundation and Nature.

- 2 Grant that all we, who here to-day
Rejoicing this foundation lay,
May be in very deed Thine own,
Built on the precious Corner-stone.
- 3 The heads that guide endue with skill;
The hands that work preserve from ill;
That we, who these foundations lay,
May raise the topstone in its day.
- 4 Both now and ever, Lord, protect
The temple of Thine own elect;
Be Thou in them, and they in Thee,
O ever-blessèd Trinity!

John M. Neale. 1844.

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S. M.

GREAT is the Lord our God,
And let His praise be great;
He makes the Church His own abode,
His most delightful seat.

- 2 In Zion God is known,
A refuge in distress:
How bright has His salvation shone
Through all her palaces!
- 3 When kings against her joined,
And saw the Lord was there,
In wild confusion of the mind,
They fled with hasty fear.

The Church—Her Foundation and Nature.

- 4 Oft have our fathers told,
Our eyes have often seen,
How well our God secures the fold
Where His own sheep have been.
- 5 In every new distress
We'll to His house repair;
We'll call to mind His wondrous grace
And seek deliverance there.

Isaac Watts. 1719.

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C. M.

BEHOLD the sure foundation-stone
Which God in Zion lays,
To build our heavenly hopes upon,
And His eternal praise.

- 2 Chosen of God, to sinners dear,
Let saints adore the name;
They trust their whole salvation here,
Nor shall they suffer shame.
- 3 The foolish builders, scribe and priest,
Reject it with disdain;
Yet on this Rock the Church shall rest,
And envy rage in vain.
- 4 What though the gates of hell withstood,
Yet must this building rise:
'T is Thine own work, almighty God,
And wondrous in our eyes.

Isaac Watts. 1719.

The Church—Her Foundation and Nature.

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H. M.

CHRIST is our Corner-stone,
On Him alone we build,
With His true saints alone
The courts of heaven are filled;
On His great love our hopes we place,
Of present grace and joys above.

2 Oh, then with hymns of praise
These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise
The Three in One to sing,
And thus proclaim in joyful song,
Both loud and long, that glorious Name.

3 Here, gracious God, do Thou
For evermore draw nigh;
Accept each faithful vow,
And mark each suppliant sigh;
In copious shower, on all who pray,
Each holy day Thy blessings pour.

4 Here may we gain from heaven
The grace which we implore,
And may that grace once given,
Be with us evermore,
Until that day when all the blest
To endless rest are called away.

Tr. John Chandler. 1837.

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C. M.

IN one fraternal bond of love,
One fellowship of mind,
The saints below and saints above
Their bliss and glory find.

The Church—Her Foundation and Nature.

2 Here, in their house of pilgrimage,
Thy statutes are their song;
There, through one bright, eternal age,
Thy praises they prolong.

3 Lord, may our union form a part
Of that thrice happy whole,
Derive its pulse from Thee, the heart,
Its life from Thee, the soul.

James Montgomery. 1825.

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S. M.

BLEST be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

2 Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

3 We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

4 When we at death must part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

5 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
And sin, we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.

John Fawcett. 1782 a.

The Church—Her Foundation and Nature.

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C. M. D.

LET saints on earth in concert sing
With those to glory gone:
For all the servants of our King,
In earth and heaven are one.
One family—we dwell in Him—
One church above, beneath,
Though now divided by the stream—
The narrow stream of death.

2 One army of the living God,
To His command we bow;
Part of the host have crossed the flood,
And part are crossing now.
E'en now to their eternal home
Some happy spirits fly;
And we are to the margin come,
And soon will have to die.

3 E'en now, by faith, we join our hands
With those that went before,
And greet the ransomed blessed bands
Upon th' eternal shore.
Lord Jesus, be our constant guide;
And when the word is given,
Bid death's cold flood its waves divide,
And land us safe in heaven.

Charles Wesley. 1759 a.

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C. M. D.

MY Church! My Church! My dear old Church,
My fathers' and my own!
On prophets, and apostles built,
And Christ the corner-stone;

The Church—Her Foundation and Nature.

All else beside, by storm or tide,
May yet be overthrown;
But not my Church, my dear old Church,
My fathers' and my own.

2 My Church! My Church! My dear old Church,
My glory and my pride;
Firm in the faith Immanuel taught,
She holds no faith beside,
Upon this rock 'gainst every shock,
Though gates of hell assail,
She stands secure, with promise sure,
"They never shall prevail."

3 My Church! My Church! My dear old Church,
I love her ancient name;
And God forbid a child of hers
Should ever do her shame;
Her mother care I'll ever share;
Her child I am alone,
Till He who gave me to her arms,
Shall call me to His own.

4 Then here, My Church! My dear old Church,
Thy child would add a vow
To that whose token once was signed
Upon his infant brow;
Her mother care I'll ever share,
Her child I am alone.
My Church shall yet be dear to me,
My fathers' and my own.

Anon.

The Church—Her Foundation and Nature.

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L. M.

OH, happy day that fixed my choice
On Thee, my Saviour and my God!
Well may this glowing heart rejoice,
And tell its raptures all abroad.

CHO.—Happy day, happy day,
When Jesus washed my sins away!
He taught me how to watch and pray,
And live rejoicing every day.

2 Oh, happy bond that seals my vows
To Him who merits all my love!
I'll praise Him in His sacred house,
And gladly to His altar move.

3 Now with His saints I choose my part;
With them I come a welcome guest;
Here rest, my once divided heart;
In Him, thy blissful portion, rest.

4 High heaven, that heard the solemn vow,
That vow renewed shall daily hear,
Till, called at last from all below,
I bless in death a bond so dear.

Philip Doddridge. 1755?

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C. M.

OH, where are kings and empires now,
Of old that went and came?
But, Lord, Thy Church is praying yet,
A thousand years the same.

The Church—Her Foundation and Nature.

- 2 We mark her goodly battlements,
And her foundations strong;
We hear within the solemn voice
Of her unending song.
- 3 For not like kingdoms of the world
Thy holy Church, O God!
Though earthquake shocks are threatening her,
And tempests are abroad;
- 4 Unshaken as eternal hills,
Immovable she stands,
A mountain that shall fill the earth,
A house not made by hands.

Arthur C. Coxe. 1839 a.

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S. M.

- L** O, what a pleasing sight
Are brethren that agree!
How blest are all whose hearts unite
In bonds of piety.
- 2 From those celestial springs,
Such streams of comfort flow,
As no increase of riches brings,
Nor honors can bestow.
- 3 All in their stations move,
And each performs his part,
In all the cares of life and love,
With sympathizing heart.
- 4 Formed for the purest joys,
By one desire possest,
One aim the zeal of all employs,
To make each other blest.

The Church—Her Foundation and Nature.

5 'Tis the same pleasure fills
The breast in worlds above,
Where joy, like morning-dew, distils,
And all the air is love.

Isaac Watts. 1719 a.

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8s, 7s, 4, 7.

ZION stands by hills surrounded—
Zion, kept by power divine;
All her foes shall be confounded,
Though the world in arms combine:
Happy Zion,
What a favored lot is thine!

2 In the furnace God may prove thee,
Thence to bring thee forth more bright,
But can never cease to love thee;
Thou art precious in His sight:
God is with thee—
God, thine everlasting light.

Thomas Kelly. 1806.

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L. M.

HERE, in Thy name, eternal God,
We build this earthly house for Thee;
Oh, choose it for Thy fixed abode,
And guard it from all error free.

2 Here, when Thy people seek Thy face,
And dying sinners pray to live,
Hear Thou in heaven, Thy dwelling-place,
And when Thou hearest, Lord, forgive.

The Church—Her Foundation and Nature.

- 3 Here, when Thy messengers proclaim
The blessèd gospel of Thy Son,
Still by the power of His great name
Be mighty signs and wonders done.
- 4 Thy glory never hence depart;
Yet choose not, Lord, this house alone;
Thy kingdom come to every heart;
In every bosom fix Thy throne.

James Montgomery. 1822 a.

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S. M.

- I LOVE Thy Zion, Lord!
The house of Thine abode;
The Church, O blest Redeemer, saved
With Thine own precious blood.
- 2 I love Thy Church, O God!
Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye,
And graven on Thy hand.
- 3 For her my tears shall fall;
For her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be given,
Till toils and cares shall end.
- 4 Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise.
- 5 Sure as Thy truth shall last,
To Zion shall be given
The brightest glories earth can yield,
And brighter bliss of heaven.

Timothy Dwight. 1800 a.

The Church—Her Foundation and Nature.

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8s, 7s, 6l.

CHRIST, Thou art the sure Foundation,
Thou the Head and Corner-stone;
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,
Binding all the Church in one;
Thou Thy Zion's help forever,
And her confidence alone.

2 To this temple, where we call Thee,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, to-day!
With Thy wonted loving kindness
Hear Thy servants as they pray,
And Thy fullest benediction
Shed within these walls alway.

3 Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants
What they ask of Thee to gain,
What they gain from Thee forever
With the blessèd to retain,
And hereafter in Thy glory
Evermore with Thee to reign.

4 Praise and honor to the Father,
Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One;
One in might, and one in glory,
While eternal ages run.

John M. Neale. 1851 a.

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8s, 7s, D.

GLORIOUS things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He, whose word cannot be broken,
Formed thee for His own abode:

The Church—Her Foundation and Nature.

On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply Thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove:
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows Thy thirst t' assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver,
Never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hovering,
See the cloud and fire appear,
For a glory and a covering,
Showing that the Lord is near:
Thus deriving from their banner
Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
Which He gives them when they pray.

John Newton. 1779 a.

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8s, 7s, 6l.

COME Thou now, and be among us,
Lord and Maker, while we pray;
Let Thy presence fill the temple
Which we dedicate to-day;
And, Thyself its Consecrator,
Dwell within its walls alway.

2 Grant that all Thy faithful people
May Thy truer temple be;

The Church—Her Foundation and Nature.

Neither flesh, nor soul, nor spirit
Know another Lord than Thee;
But, to Thee once dedicated,
Serve Thee everlastingly.

- 3 Here our souls, as Thy true altars,
Deign to hallow and to bless,
O Thou future Judge of all men,
With Thy grace and holiness;
That Thy gifts, sent down from heaven,
We may evermore possess.

- 4 Praise and honor to the Father;
Praise and honor to the Son;
Praise and honor to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One;
One in might, and one in glory,
While eternal ages run.

Tr. John M. Neale. 1854 a.

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7s.

LORD of hosts, to Thee we raise
Here a house of prayer and praise;
Thou Thy people's hearts prepare
Here to meet for praise and prayer.

- 2 Let the living here be fed
With Thy word, the heavenly bread;
Here reveal Thy mercy sure,
While the sun and moon endure.
- 3 Hallelujah!—earth and sky
To the joyful sound reply;
Hallelujah!—hence ascend
Prayer and praise till time shall end.

James Montgomery. 1821.

The Church—Her Foundation and Nature.

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C. M.

TO Thee this temple we devote,
Our Father and our God;
Accept it Thine, and seal it now
Thy Spirit's blest abode.

- 2 Here may the prayer of faith ascend,
The voice of praise arise;
Oh, may each lowly service prove
Accepted sacrifice.
- 3 Here may the sinner learn his guilt,
And weep before his Lord;
Here, pardoned, sing a Saviour's love,
And here his vows record.
- 4 Here may affliction dry the tear,
And learn to trust in God;
Convinced it is a Father smites,
And love that guides the rod.
- 5 Peace be within these sacred walls,
Prosperity be here,
Still smile upon Thy people, Lord,
And evermore be near.

Jacob R. Scott. 1843.

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S. M.

FOR all Thy saints, O Lord,
Who strove in Thee to live,
Who followed Thee, obeyed, adored,
Our grateful hymn receive.

The Church—Her Foundation and Nature.

- 2 For all Thy saints, O Lord,
Accept our thankful cry,
Who counted Thee their great reward,
And strove in Thee to die.
- 3 They all, in life or death,
With Thee, their Lord, in view,
Learned from Thy Holy Spirit's breath
To suffer and to do.
- 4 For this Thy Name we bless,
And humbly pray that we
May follow them in holiness,
And live and die in Thee.

Richard Mant. 1837.

299

L. M.

- COME, Jesus, from the sapphire throne,
Where Thy redeemed behold Thy face,
Enter this temple, now Thine own,
And let Thy glory fill the place.
- 2 We praise Thee that to-day we see
Its sacred walls before Thee stand;
'T is Thine for us: 't is ours for Thee;
Reared by Thy kind assisting hand.
 - 3 Oft as returns the day of rest,
Let heartfelt worship here ascend;
With Thine own joy fill every breast,
With Thine own power Thy word attend.

The Church—Her Foundation and Nature.

- 4 Here in the dark and sorrowing day,
 Bid Thou the throbbing heart be still;
 Oh, wipe the mourner's tears away,
 And give new strength to meet Thy will.
- 5 When round this altar we shall meet,
 And keep the feast of dying love,
 Be our communion ever sweet
 With Thee, and with Thy Church above.
- 6 Come, faithful Shepherd, feed Thy sheep;
 In Thine own arms the lambs infold;
 Give help to climb the heavenward steep,
 Till Thy full glory we behold.

Ray Palmer. 1876.

300

C. M.

- O** THOU, whose own vast temple stands
 Built over earth and sea,
Accept the walls that human hands
 Have raised to worship Thee.
- 2 Lord, from Thine inmost glory send,
 Within these courts to bide,
The peace that dwelleth without end
 Serenely by Thy side!
- 3 May erring minds that worship here
 Be taught the better way;
And they who mourn and they who fear,
 Be strengthened as they pray.

The Church—Her Foundation and Nature.

- 4 May faith grow firm, and love grow warm,
And pure devotion rise,
While round these hallowed walls the storm
Of earth-born passion dies.

William C. Bryant. 1835.

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8s, 7s, D.

THROUGH the night of doubt and sorrow,
Onward goes the pilgrim band,
Singing songs of expectation,
Marching to the promised land.
Clear before us, through the darkness,
Gleams and burns the guiding light;
Brother clasps the hand of brother,
Stepping fearless through the night.

- 2 One the light of God's own presence,
O'er His ransomed people shed,
Chasing far the gloom and terror,
Brightening all the path we tread:
One the object of our journey,
One the faith which never tires,
One the earnest looking forward,
One the hope our God inspires.

- 3 One the strain the lips of thousands
Lift as from the heart of one;
One the conflict, one the peril,
One the march in God begun:
One the gladness of rejoicing
On the far eternal shore,
Where the one Almighty Father,
Reigns in love for evermore.

*Bernhardt S. Ingermann. 1859.
Tr. Sabine Baring-Gould. 1867.*

The Church—Her Ministry.

THE CHURCH—HER MINISTRY.

302

C. P. M.

LORD of the Church, we humbly pray
For those who guide us in Thy way,
And speak Thy holy word:
With love divine their hearts inspire,
And touch their lips with hallowed fire,
And needful grace afford.

- 2 Help them to preach the truth of God;
Redemption through the Saviour's blood:
Nor let the Spirit cease
On all the Church His gifts to shower;
To them, a messenger of power;
To us, of life and peace.
- 3 So may they live to Thee alone;
Then hear the welcome word—"Well done!"
And take their crown above:
Enter into their Master's joy,
And all eternity employ
In praise, and bliss, and love.

Charles Wesley. 1749 a.

303

S. M. D.

HOW beauteous are their feet
Who stand on Zion's hill!
Who bring salvation on their tongues,
And words of peace reveal.
How charming is their voice!
How sweet the tidings are!
"Zion, behold thy Saviour King;
He reigns and triumphs here."

The Church—Her Ministry.

- 2 How happy are our ears
That hear this joyful sound,
Which kings and prophets waited for,
And sought, but never found!
The Lord makes bare His arm
Through all the earth abroad;
Let all the nations now behold
Their Saviour and their God.

Isaac Watts. 1707.

304

6s, 4s.

- O** HOLY Lord, our God,
By heavenly hosts adored,
Hear us, we pray;
To Thee the cherubim,
Angels and seraphim,
Unceasing praises bring,
Their homage pay.
- 2 Here give Thy word success,
And this Thy servant bless,
His labors own;
And while the sinner's Friend
His life and words commend,
Thy Holy Spirit send,
And make Him known.
- 3 May every passing year
More happy still appear
Than this glad day;
With numbers fill the place,
Adorn Thy saints with grace,
Thy truth may we embrace,
O Lord, we pray.

J. Young. 1843.

The Church—Her Ministry.

305

8s, 6l.

A WAKE, Thou Spirit, who didst fire
The watchmen of the Church's youth,
Who faced the foe's envenomed ire,
Who witnessed day and night Thy truth,
Whose voices loud are ringing still,
And bringing hosts to know Thy will.

2 Lord, let our earnest prayer be heard,
The prayer Thy Son hast bid us pray,
For lo, Thy children's hearts are stirred,
In every land in this our day,
To cry with fervent soul to Thee,
O help us, Lord! so let it be!

3 O haste to help, ere we are lost!
Send preachers forth, in spirit strong,
Armed with Thy Word, a dauntless host,
Bold to attack the rule of wrong;
Let them the earth for Thee reclaim,
Thy heritage, to know Thy Name.

*Charles Henry Bogatsky. 1749.
Tr. Catherine Winkworth. 1855.*

306

C. M.

L ET Zion's watchmen all awake,
And take th' alarm they give;
Now let them from the mouth of God
Their solemn charge receive.

2 'T is not a cause of small import
The pastor's care demands;
But what might fill an angel's heart,
And filled a Saviour's hands.

The Church—Her Ministry.

3 They watch for souls, for which the Lord
Did heavenly bliss forego;
For souls which must forever live
In raptures or in woe.

4 May they that Jesus, whom they preach,
Their own Redeemer see;
And watch Thou daily o'er their souls,
That they may watch for Thee.

Philip Doddridge. 1736.

307

L. M.

WE welcome thee in Jesus' name;
He, the Great Shepherd of the sheep,
To us hath sent thee to proclaim
His Gospel and His flock to keep.

2 We welcome thee in this glad hour,
His messenger of peace and love;
Now may the Holy Spirit's power
Fall on thee richly from above.

3 Thy lips be touched with fire divine,
To speak of grace to dying men;
To win the lost the task be thine;
To guide them lest they stray again.

4 The chosen captain of the host;
Our leader sent of Christ to be;
Then shall we serve and please Him most
When with one heart we follow thee.

Ray Palmer. 1876.

The Church—The Word.

THE CHURCH—THE WORD.

308

C. M.

FATHER of mercies, in Thy word
What endless glory shines!
For ever be Thy name adored
For these celestial lines.

2 Here may the wretched sons of want
Exhaustless riches find;
Riches above what earth can grant,
And lasting as the mind.

3 Here the Redeemer's welcome voice
Spreads heavenly peace around;
And life and everlasting joys
Attend the blissful sound.

4 Oh, may these heavenly pages be
My ever dear delight;
And still new beauties may I see,
And still increasing light!

5 Divine Instructor, gracious Lord!
Be Thou forever near;
Teach me to love Thy sacred word,
And view my Saviour there.

Anne Steele. 1760.

309

6s, 4s.

BREAK Thou the bread of life,
Dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves
Beside the sea;

The Church—The Word.

Beyond the sacred page
I seek Thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee,
O living Word!

- 2 Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord,
To me—to me—
As Thou didst bless the bread
By Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease,
All fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace,
My All-in-All!

Mary A. Lathbury. 1876.

310

C. M.

A GLORY gilds the sacred page,
Majestic like the sun;
It gives a light to every age,
It gives, but borrows none.

- 2 The hand that gave it still supplies
The gracious light and heat:
His truths upon the nations rise,
They rise, but never set.
- 3 Let everlasting thanks be Thine,
For such a bright display,
As makes a world of darkness shine
With beams of heavenly day.
- 4 My soul rejoices to pursue
The steps of Him I love,
Till glory breaks upon my view
In brighter worlds above.

William Cowper. 1779.

The Church—The Word.

311

L. M.

IN vain would boasting reason find
The path to happiness and God;
Her weak directions leave the mind
Bewildered in a doubtful road.

2 Jesus, Thy words alone impart
Eternal life; on these I live;
Diviner comforts cheer my heart
Than all the powers of nature give.

3 Here let my constant feet abide;
Thou art the true, the living Way:
Let Thy good Spirit be my guide
To the bright realms of endless day.

4 The various forms that men devise
To shake my faith with treacherous art,
I scorn as vanity and lies,
And bind Thy gospel to my heart.

Anne Steele. 1760 a.

312

6s.

LORD, Thy Word abideth,
And our footsteps guideth;
Who its truth believeth
Light and joy receiveth.

2 When our foes are near us,
Then Thy Word doth cheer us,
Word of consolation,
Message of salvation.

The Church—The Word.

- 3 When the storms are o'er us,
And dark clouds before us,
Then its light directeth,
And our way protecteth.
- 4 Who can tell the pleasure,
Who recount the treasure,
By Thy Word imparted
To the simple-hearted?
- 5 Word of mercy, giving
Succor to the living;
Word of life, supplying
Comfort to the dying!
- 6 O that we, discerning
Its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear Thee,
Evermore be near Thee!

Henry W. Baker. 1861.

313

C. M.

- A**LMIGHTY God, Thy word is cast
Like seed upon the ground;
Oh, let the dew of heaven descend,
And shed its influence round.
- 2 Let not the foe of Christ and man
This holy seed remove;
May it take root in every heart,
And grow in faith and love!
 - 3 Let not this life's deceitful cares,
Nor worldly wealth and joy,
Nor scorching beam, nor stormy blast,
The rising plant destroy.

The Church—The Word.

- 4 Where'er the word of life is sown,
A large increase bestow,
That all who hear Thy message, Lord,
Its saving power may know.

John Cawood. 1815 a.

314

7s, 6s, D.

O WORD of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky!
We praise Thee for the radiance
That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps,
Shines on from age to age.

- 2 The Church from her dear Master
Received the gift divine,
And still that light she lifteth
O'er all the earth to shine.
It is the golden casket
Where gems of truth are stored,
It is the heaven-drawn picture
Of Christ the living Word.
- 3 Oh, make Thy Church, dear Saviour,
A lamp of burnished gold,
To bear before the nations
Thy true light as of old;
Oh, teach Thy wandering pilgrims
By this their path to trace,
Till, clouds and darkness ended,
They see Thee face to face.

William W. How. 1867.

The Church—Baptism.

315

C. M.

HOW shall the young secure their hearts,
And guard their lives from sin?
Thy Word the choicest rules imparts
To keep the conscience clean.

2 'T is like the sun, a heavenly light
That guides us all the day;
And through the dangers of the night
A lamp to lead our way.

3 Thy precepts make me truly wise,
I hate the sinner's road;
I hate mine own vain thoughts that rise,
But love Thy law, my God.

4 Thy Word is everlasting truth;
How pure is every page!
That Holy Book shall guide our youth,
And well support our age.

Isaac Watts. 1719.

THE CHURCH—BAPTISM.

316

8s, 7s.

SAVIOUR, who Thy flock art feeding
With the Shepherd's kindest care,
All the feeble gently leading,
While the lambs Thy bosom share.

2 Now, these little ones receiving,
Fold them in Thy gracious arm;
There, we know, Thy word believing,
Only there, secure from harm.

The Church—Baptism.

3 Never, from Thy pasture roving,
Let them be the lion's prey;
Let Thy tenderness, so loving,
Keep them through life's dangerous way.

4 Then within Thy fold eternal
Let them find a resting-place;
Feed in pastures ever vernal,
Drink the rivers of Thy grace.

William A. Muhlenberg. 1826.

317

6s, 4s.

SHEPHERD of tender youth
Guiding in love and truth
Through devious ways;
Christ our triumphant King,
Join we Thy name to sing,
And our dear children bring,
Shouting Thy praise.

2 Thou art our great High Priest;
Thou hast prepared the feast
Of holy love;
In all our sin and pain
None call on Thee in vain.
Help Thou dost not disdain,
Help from above.

3 Ever be near our side,
All-wise and mighty Guide,
Our Staff and Song.

The Church—Baptism.

Jesus, Thou Christ of God,
Taught by Thy living Word,
Lead us where Thou hast trod,
Make our faith strong.

- 4 Thus now, and till we die,
Sound we Thy praises high,
And joyful sing,
With all the holy throng,
Who to Thy Church belong,
Join we to swell the song
To Christ our King!

*Clement of Alexandria. 211.
Tr. Henry M. Dexter. 1846.*

318

7s.

GOD of mercy, hear our prayer,
For the children Thou hast given,
Let them all Thy blessings share,
Grace on earth and bliss in heaven.

- 2 Cleanse their souls from every stain,
Through the Saviour's precious blood;
Let them all be born again,
And be reconciled to God.

- 3 For this mercy, Lord, we cry;
Bend Thine ever-gracious ear;
While on Thee our souls rely,
Hear our prayer, in mercy hear.

Thomas Hastings. 1834.

The Church—Baptism.

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7s.

PARDONED through redeeming grace,
In Thy blessèd Son revealed,
Worshiping before Thy face,
Lord, to Thee ourselves we yield.

2 Thou the sacrifice receive,
Humbly offered through Thy Son;
Quicken us in Him to live;
Lord, in us Thy will be done.

3 By the hallowed outward sign,
By the cleansing grace within,
Seal, and make us wholly Thine;
Wash, and keep us pure from sin.

4 Called to bear the Christian name,
May our vows and life accord,
And our every deed proclaim
“Holiness unto the Lord.”

Edward Osler. 1836.

320

8s, 6l.

I AM baptized into Thy name,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Among Thy seed a place I claim,
Among Thy consecrated host;
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,
Thy Spirit now shall live within.

2 My loving Father, here dost Thou
Proclaim me as Thy child and heir;
Thou, faithful Saviour, bidd'st me now
The fruit of all Thy sorrows share;
Thou, Holy Ghost, wilt comfort me
When darkest clouds around I see.

The Church—Baptism.

3 I bring Thee here, my God, anew,
Of all I am or have the whole;
Quicken my life, and make me true,
Take full possession of my soul,
Let naught within me, naught I own,
Serve any will but Thine alone.

4 And never let me waver more,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
Till at Thy will this life is o'er,
Still keep me in Thy faithful host,
So unto Thee I live and die,
And praise Thee evermore on high.

Johann Jacob Rambach. 1720.

Tr. Catherine Winkworth. 1858 a.

321 S. M.

THE Saviour kindly calls
Our children to His breast;
He folds them in His gracious arms,
Himself declares them blest.

2 "Let them approach," he cries,
"Nor scorn their humble claim;
The heirs of heaven are such as these,
For such as these I came."

3 With joy we bring them, Lord,
Devoting them to Thee,
Imploring that, as we are Thine,
Thine may our offspring be.

Philip Doddridge. 1755.

Alt. by Henry U. Underdonk. 1826.

The Church—The Lord's Supper.

THE CHURCH—THE LORD'S SUPPER.

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C. M.

HERE at Thy table, Lord, we meet
To feed on food divine:
Thy body is the bread we eat,
Thy precious blood the wine.

2 He that prepares this rich repast,
Himself comes down and dies;
And then invites us thus to feast
Upon the sacrifice.

3 Sure, there was never love so free,
Dear Saviour, so divine!
Well Thou may'st claim that heart of me,
Which owes so much to Thine.

4 Yes, Thou shalt surely have my heart,
My soul, my strength, my all;
With life itself I'll freely part,
My Jesus, at Thy call.

Samuel Stennett. 1787.

323

C. M.

SHEPHERD of souls, refresh and bless
Thy chosen pilgrim flock,
With manna in the wilderness,
With water from the rock.

2 Hungry and thirsty, faint and weak,
As Thou when here below,
Our souls the joys celestial seek
Which from Thy sorrows flow.

The Church—The Lord's Supper.

- 3 We would not live by bread alone,
But by that word of grace,
In strength of which we travel on
To our abiding place.

James Montgomery. 1825 a.

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C. M.

- ACCORDING to Thy gracious word,
In meek humility,
This will I do, my dying Lord
I will remember Thee.
- 2 Thy body, broken for my sake,
My bread from heaven shall be
Thy testamental cup I take,
And thus remember Thee.
- 3 Gethsemane can I forget?
Or there Thy conflict see,
Thine agony and bloody sweat,
And not remember Thee?
- 4 When to the cross I turn mine eyes,
And rest on Calvary,
O Lamb of God, my Sacrifice!
I must remember Thee:—
- 5 Remember Thee, and all Thy pains,
And all Thy love to me;
Yea, while a breath, a pulse remains,
Will I remember Thee.

The Church—The Lord's Supper.

- 6 And when these failing lips grow dumb,
And mind and memory flee,
When Thou shalt in Thy kingdom come,
Jesus, remember me.

James Montgomery. 1825.

325

10s, 2l.

DRAW nigh and take the body of your Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you out-
poured.

- 2 Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- 3 He, that in this world rules His saints, and
shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
- 4 With heavenly bread makes them that hunger
whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 5 Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
- 6 O Judge of all, our only Saviour Thou,
In this Thy feast of love be with us now.

Tr. John M. Neale. 1851.

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7s, 6s, D.

OBREAD to pilgrims given,
Richer than angels eat,
O Manna sent from heaven,
For heaven-born natures meet!

The Church—The Lord's Supper.

Give us, for Thee long pining,
To eat till richly filled;
Till, earth's delights resigning,
Our every wish is stilled.

2 O Fountain! life-bestowing
From out the Saviour's heart,
A fountain purely flowing,
A Fount of Love Thou art!
Oh, let us, freely tasting,
Our burning thirst assuage!
Thy sweetness, never wasting,
Avails from age to age.

3 Jesus, this feast receiving,
We Thee unseen adore;
Thy faithful word believing,
We take, and doubt no more;
Give us, Thou true and loving,
On earth to live in Thee;
Then, death the veil removing,
Thy glorious face to see!

Ray Palmer. 1858 a.

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7s, 6s, 7, 7, 7, 6.

JESUS, Master of the feast,
The feast itself Thou art:
Now receive Thy every guest,
And comfort every heart.
Give us living bread to eat,
Manna that from heaven comes down;
See us waiting at Thy feet,
And make Thy favor known.

The Church—The Lord's Supper.

- 2 In this earthly wilderness
Thou hast a table spread,
Richly filled with every grace
Our fainting souls can need:
Still sustain us by Thy love,
Still Thy servants' strength repair,
Till we reach Thy courts above,
And feast forever there.

Charles Wesley. 1745 a.

328

C. M.

O GOD unseen, yet ever near,
Thy presence may we feel;
And thus, inspired with holy fear,
Before Thine altar kneel.

- 2 Here may Thy faithful people know
The blessings of Thy Love;
The streams that through the desert flow,
The manna from above.

- 3 We come, obedient to Thy Word,
To feast on heavenly food;
Our meat the Body of the Lord,
Our drink, His precious Blood.

- 4 Thus may we all Thy words obey;
For we, O God, are Thine;
And go rejoicing on our way,
Renewed with strength divine.

Edward Osler. 1836.

The Church—The Lord's Supper.

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10s.

HERE, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things
unseen;

Here grasp with firmer hand th' eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God;
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of
heaven;

Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

3 I have no help but Thine, nor do I need
Another arm save Thine to lean upon:
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed:
My strength is in Thy might,—Thy might
alone.

4 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing
blood;

Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace;
Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord, my
God.

Horatius Bonar. 1855.

330

L. M.

JESUS, Thou Joy of loving hearts!
Thou Fount of life, Thou Light of men!
From the best bliss that earth imparts
We turn unfilled to Thee again.

The Church—The Lord's Supper.

- 2 Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;
Thou savest those that on Thee call;
To them that seek Thee Thou art good,
To them that find Thee, All in All.
- 3 We taste Thee, O Thou living Bread,
And long to feast upon Thee still;
We drink of Thee, the Fountain Head,
And thirst our souls from Thee to fill.
- 4 Our restless spirits yearn for Thee,
Where'er our changeful lot is cast;
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see,
Blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.
- 5 O Jesus, ever with us stay!
Make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away,
Shed o'er the world Thy holy light!

*Bernard of Clairvaux. 1153.
Tr. Ray Palmer. 1858 a.*

331

6s, D.

I HUNGER and I thirst;
Jesus, my manna be;
Ye living waters, burst
Out of the Rock for me.
Thou bruis'd and broken Bread!
My life-long wants supply;
As living souls are fed,
Oh, feed me or I die.

- 2 Thou true life-giving Vine!
Let me Thy sweetness prove;
Renew my life with Thine,
Refresh my soul with love.

The Church—The Lord's Supper.

Rough paths my feet have trod,
Since first their course began;
Feed me, Thou Bread of God!
Help me, Thou Son of Man!

3 For still the desert lies
My thirsting soul before,
O Living Waters! rise
Within me evermore.
To Father, and to Son,
And Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Eternal Three in One,
Eternal glory be.

John S. B. Monsell. 1873.

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9s, 8s.

BREAD of the world, in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken,
And in whose death our sins are dead;

2 Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
Look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be Thy feast to us the token,
That by Thy grace our souls are fed.

Reginald Heber. 1827.

333

8s, 7s, 4.

NOW, in parting, Father, bless us;
Saviour, still Thy peace bestow;
Gracious Comforter, be with us,
As we from Thy table go;
Bless us, bless us,
Father, Son, and Spirit, now.

The Church—Missions.

- 2 Bless us here, while still as strangers
Onward to our home we move;
Bless us with eternal blessings,
In our Father's house above:
Ever, ever
Dwelling in the light of love.

Horatius Bonar. 1867.

THE CHURCH—MISSIONS.

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C. M.

- L**ORD, send Thy word, and let it fly,
Armed with Thy Spirit's power;
Ten thousand shall confess its sway,
And bless the saving hour.
- 2 Beneath the influence of Thy grace,
The barren wastes shall rise,
With verdure and with fruits arrayed,
A blooming paradise.
- 3 True holiness shall strike its root
In each regenerate heart;
Shall in a growth divine arise,
And heavenly fruits impart.
- 4 Peace, with her olives crowned, shall stretch
Her wings from shore to shore;
No trump shall rouse the rage of war,
Nor murderous cannon roar.
- 5 Lord, for those days we wait—those days
Are in Thy word foretold;
Fly swifter, sun and stars, and bring
This promised age of gold!

Thomas Gibbons. 1769 a.

The Church—Missions.

335

6s, 4s.

CHRIST for the world we sing;
The world to Christ we bring,
With loving zeal;
The poor, and them that mourn,
The faint and over-borne,
Sin-sick and sorrow-worn,
Whom Christ doth heal.

2 Christ for the world we sing;
The world to Christ we bring,
With fervent prayer;
The wayward and the lost,
By restless passions tossed,
Redeemed at countless cost,
From dark despair.

3 Christ for the world we sing;
The world to Christ we bring,
With one accord;
With us the work to share,
With us reproach to dare;
With us the cross to bear,
For Christ our God.

4 Christ for the world we sing;
The world to Christ we bring,
With joyful song;
The new-born souls, whose days,
Reclaimed from error's ways,
Inspired with hope and praise,
To Christ belong.

Samuel Wolcott. 1869.

The Church—Missions.

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7s.

HASTEN, Lord, the glorious time,
When, beneath Messiah's sway,
Every nation, every clime,
Shall the gospel call obey.

2 Mightiest kings His power shall own,
Heathen tribes His name adore;
Satan and his host, o'erthrown,
Bound in chains, shall hurt no more.

3 Then shall wars and tumults cease,
Then be banished grief and pain;
Righteousness and joy and peace
Undisturbed shall ever reign.

4 Bless we, then, our gracious Lord,
Ever praise His glorious Name;
All His mighty acts record,
All His wondrous love proclaim.

Harriet Auber. 1829.

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8s, 7s, D.

SAVIOUR, sprinkle many nations,
Fruitful let Thy sorrows be!
By Thy pains and consolations
Draw the Gentiles unto Thee!
Of Thy Cross the wondrous story
Be it to the nations told;
Let them see Thee in Thy glory,
And Thy mercy manifold.

The Church—Missions.

- 2 Far and wide, though all unknowing,
Pants for Thee each mortal breast:
Human tears for Thee are flowing,
Human hearts in Thee would rest.
Thirsting as for dews of even,
As the new-mown grass for rain,
Thee they seek, as God of heaven,
Thee as Man, for sinners slain.
- 3 Saviour! lo, the isles are waiting,
Stretched the hand, and strained the sight,
For Thy Spirit new-creating,
Love's pure flame, and wisdom's light.
Give the word, and of the preacher
Speed the foot, and touch the tongue,
Till on earth, by every creature,
Glory to the Lamb be sung.

Arthur C. Coxe. 1851.

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FROM Greenland's icy mountains,
From India's coral strand,
Where Afric's sunny fountains
Roll down their golden sand;
From many an ancient river,
From many a palmy plain,
They call us to deliver
Their land from error's chain.

- 2 What though the spicy breezes
Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle;
Though every prospect pleases,
And only man is vile;

The Church—Missions.

In vain with lavish kindness
The gifts of God are strown;
The heathen, in his blindness,
Bows down to wood and stone!

3 Shall we whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high,
Shall we to men benighted
The lamp of life deny?
Salvation, oh, salvation!
The joyful sound proclaim,
Till earth's remotest nation
Has learned Messiah's name.

4 Waft, waft, ye winds, His story,
And you, ye waters, roll,
Till, like a sea of glory,
It spreads from pole to pole;
Till o'er our ransomed nature
The Lamb for sinners stain,
Redeemer, King, Creator,
In bliss returns to reign.

Reginald Heber. 1819.

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S. M.

LORD of the harvest, hear
Thy needy servants' cry:
Answer our faith's effectual prayer,
And all our wants supply.

2 On Thee we humbly wait;
Our wants are in Thy view;
The harvest truly, Lord, is great,
The laborers are few.

The Church—Missions.

- 3 Convert and send forth more
 Into Thy Church abroad;
And let them speak Thy word of power,
 As workers with their God.
- 4 Give the pure gospel word,
 The word of general grace;
Thee let them preach, the common Lord,
 The Saviour of our race.
- 5 Oh, let them spread Thy name,
 Their mission fully prove;
Thy universal grace proclaim,
 Thine all-redeeming love.
- 6 On all mankind, forgiven,
 Empower them still to call,
And tell each creature under heaven,
 That Thou hast died for all.

Charles Wesley. 1742.

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L. M.

- LOOK from thy sphere of endless day,
O God of mercy and of might!
In pity look on those who stray,
Benighted in this land of light.
- 2 In peopled vale, in lonely glen,
 In crowded mart, by stream or sea,
How many of the sons of men
 Hear not the message sent from Thee!
 - 3 Send forth Thy heralds, Lord, to call
 The thoughtless young, the hardened old,
A scattered, homeless flock, till all
 Be gathered to Thy peaceful fold.

The Church—Missions.

4 Send them Thy mighty word to speak,
Till faith shall dawn, and doubt depart,
To awe the bold, to stay the weak,
And bind and heal the broken heart.

5 Then all these wastes, a dreary scene,
That makes us sadden as we gaze,
Shall grow with living waters green,
And lift to heaven the voice of praise.

William C. Bryant. 1840.

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L. M.

FLING out the banner: let it float
Skyward and seaward, high and wide;
The sun, that lights its shining folds,
The cross, on which the Saviour died.

2 Fling out the banner: angels bend
In anxious silence o'er the sign,
And vainly seek to comprehend
The wonder of the Love Divine.

3 Fling out the banner: heathen lands
Shall see from far the glorious sight;
And nations, crowding to be born,
Baptize their spirits in its light.

4 Fling out the banner: let it float
Skyward and seaward, high and wide:
Our glory only in the cross,
Our only hope, the Crucified.

George W. Doane. 1824.

The Church—Missions.

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O MAN of God, arise,
A voice sounds from the skies,
Awake, 't is day!
Behold the fields in sight;
The harvest glows with light;
Put in your sickle bright;
Up and away!

2 My work is great, be strong;
The day of toil is long,
Seek help divine.
The dangers may appall;
Thy heart within thee fall;
Upon me always call;
My strength is thine.

3 My blood has tinged the cross
Thy soul to save from loss,
In endless night.
Let love reign in thy heart;
My truth and zeal impart;
Thus to the fields depart
With holy might.

4 The reaper shall be blest;
The toiler have his rest,
My word I give.
Like me thou shalt appear;
From sin forever clear;
Secure from every fear
With me to live.

Harlan K. Fenner. 1893.

The Church—Triumph.

THE CHURCH—TRIUMPH.

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P. M.

A MIGHTY stronghold is our God,
A sure defence and weapon;
He helps us free from every need
Which hath us now o'ertaken.
The old angry foe
Now means us deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight,—
On earth is not his equal.

2 In our own strength can naught be done—
Our loss were soon effected;
There fights for us the Proper One,
By God himself elected.
Ask you who frees us?
It is Christ Jesus—
The Lord Sabaoth,
There is no other God;
He'll hold the field of battle.

3 And were the world with devils filled,
All waiting to devour us;
We'll still succeed, so God hath willed, --
They cannot overpower us:
The prince of this world
To hell shall be hurled;
He seeks to alarm,
But shall do us no harm;
The smallest word can fell him.

The Church—Triumph.

- 4 The Word they still must let remain,
And for that have no merit;
For He is with us on the plain,
By His good gifts and Spirit:
Destroy they our life,
Goods, fame, child and wife?
Let all pass amain,
They still no conquest gain,
For ours is still the kingdom.

*Martin Luther. 1529.
Tr. Joel Swartz. 1879.*

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L. M.

- JESUS shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with grateful song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.
- 3 Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.
- 4 Where He displays His healing power,
The sting of death is known no more;
In Him the sons of Adam boast
More blessings than their father lost.

Isaac Watts. 1719 a.

The Church—Triumph.

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S. M.

COME, Lord, and tarry not;
Bring the long-looked-for day;
Oh, why these years of waiting here,
These ages of delay?

2 Come, for Thy saints still wait;
Daily ascends their sigh;
The Spirit and the Bride say, Come!
Dost Thou not hear the cry?

3 Come, for creation groans,
Impatient of Thy stay,
Worn out with these long years of ill,
These ages of delay.

4 Come, and make all things new,
Build up this ruined earth,
Restore our faded paradise,—
Creation's second birth.

5 Come, and begin Thy reign
Of everlasting peace;
Come, take the kingdom to Thyself,
Great King of Righteousness!

Horatius Bonar. 1846.

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L. M.

TRIUMPHANT Zion, lift thy head
From dust and darkness and the dead;
Though humbled long, awake at length,
And gird thee with thy Saviour's strength.

The Church—Triumph.

- 2 Put all thy beauteous garments on,
And let thy various charms be known:
Decked in the robes of righteousness,
The world thy glories shall confess.
- 3 No more shall foes unclean invade,
And fill thy hallowed walls with dread;
No more shall hell's insulting host
Their victory and thy sorrows boast.
- 4 God, from on high, thy groans will hear,
His hand thy ruins shall repair;
Nor will thy watchful Monarch cease
To guard thee in eternal peace.

Philip Doddridge. 1755.

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THE morning light is breaking;
The darkness disappears!
The sons of earth are waking
To penitential tears;
Each breeze that sweeps the ocean
Brings tidings from afar,
Of nations in commotion,
Prepared for Zion's war.

- 2 See heathen nations bending
Before the God we love,
And thousand hearts ascending
In gratitude above;
While sinners, now confessing,
The gospel call obey,
And seek the Saviour's blessing—
A nation in a day.

The Church—Triumph.

- 3 Blest river of salvation!
Pursue thine onward way;
Flow thou to every nation,
Nor in thy richness stay:
Stay not till all the lowly
Triumphant reach their home:
Stay not till all the holy
Proclaim—"The Lord is come!"

Samuel F. Smith. 1832.

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- H**ARK! the song of jubilee,
Loud as mighty thunders roar,
Or the fulness of the sea
When it breaks upon the shore:
Alleluia! for the Lord
God Omnipotent shall reign;
Alleluia! let the word
Echo round the earth and main!
- 2 Alleluia! hark! the sound,
From the depth unto the skies,
Wakes above, beneath, around,
All creation's harmonies:
See Jehovah's banner furled,
Sheathed His sword; He speaks—'t is done;
And the kingdoms of this world
Are the kingdoms of His Son.
- 3 He shall reign from pole to pole
With illimitable sway;
He shall reign when, like a scroll,
Yonder heavens have passed away:

The Church—Triumph.

Then the end: beneath His rod
Man's last enemy shall fall;
Alleluia! Christ is God,
God in Christ is All in all.

James Montgomery. 1818.

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CHORUS.—Shout the glad tidings, exultingly sing;
Jerusalem triumphs, Messiah is King.

ZION, the marvelous story be telling,
The Son of the Highest, how lowly His
birth;

The brightest archangel in glory excelling,
He stoops to redeem thee, He reigns upon
earth.

CHO.—Shout the glad tidings, etc.

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2 Tell how He cometh; from nation to nation,
The heart-cheering news let the earth echo
round;

How free to the faithful He offers salvation!
How His people with joy everlasting are
crowned!

CHO.—Shout the glad tidings, etc.

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3 Mortals, your homage be gratefully bringing,
And sweet let the gladsome hosanna arise;
Ye angels, the full hallelujah be singing;
One chorus resounds through the earth and
the skies.

CHO.—Shout the glad tidings, etc.

William A. Muhlenberg. 1826.

The Church—Triumph.

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7s.

WAKE the song of Jubilee!
Let it echo o'er the sea:
Now is come the promised hour;
Jesus reigns with sovereign power.

2 All ye nations, join and sing,
"Christ, of lords and kings, is King!"
Let it sound from shore to shore,
"Jesus reigns for evermore!"

3 Now the desert lands rejoice,
And the islands join their voice;
Joy! the whole creation sings,
"Jesus is the King of kings?"

Leonard Bacon. 1823.

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TEN thousand times ten thousand,
In sparkling raiment bright,
The armies of the ransomed saints
Throng up the steeps of light:
'T is finished, all is finished,
Their fight with death and sin:
Fling open wide the golden gates,
And let the victors in.

2 What rush of hallelujahs
Fills all the earth and sky!
What ringing of a thousand harps
Bespeaks the triumph nigh!
Oh, day, for which creation
And all its tribes were made!
Oh, joy, for all its former woes,
A thousand fold repaid!

The Church—Triumph.

- 3 Oh, then what raptured greetings
On Canaan's happy shore,
What knitting severed friendships up,
Where partings are no more!
Then eyes with joy shall sparkle,
That brimmed with tears of late,
Orphans no longer fatherless,
Nor widows desolate.
- 4 Bring near Thy great salvation,
Thou Lamb for sinners slain;
Fill up the roll of Thine elect,
Then take Thy power, and reign;
Appear, Desire of nations—
Thine exiles long for home—
Show in the heaven Thy promised sign,
Thou Prince and Saviour, come!

Henry Alford. 1867.

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C. P. M.

- FEAR not, O little flock, the foe
Who madly seeks your overthrow;
Dread not his rage and power:
What though your courage sometimes faints,
His seeming triumph o'er God's saints
Lasts but a little hour.
- 2 Be of good cheer; your cause belongs
To Him who can avenge your wrongs;
Leave it to Him, our Lord.
Though hidden yet from mortal eyes,
Salvation shall for you arise:
He girdeth on His sword!

The Church—Triumph.

3 As true as God's own Word is true,
Not earth nor hell with all their crew
Against us shall prevail.
A jest and byword are they grown:
God is with us; we are His own;
Our victory cannot fail.

4 Amen, Lord Jesus, grant our prayer!
Great Captain, now Thine arm make bare;
Fight for us once again!
So shall Thy saints and martyrs raise
A mighty chorus to Thy praise,
World without end. Amen.

*Jacob Fabricius and Gustavus Adolphus. 1631.
Tr. Catherine Winkworth. 1855.*

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11s, 10s.

DAUGHTER of Zion, awake from thy sadness;
Awake! for thy foes shall oppress thee no more,
Bright o'er the hills dawns the day-star of gladness,
Rise! For the night of thy sorrow is o'er.

2 Strong were Thy foes; but the arm that subdued them,
And scattered their legions, was mightier far;
They fled like the chaff from the scourge that pursued them,
Vain were their steeds, and their chariots of war.

The Church—Triumph.

- 3 Daughter of Zion, the Power that hath saved
thee
Extolled with the harp and the timbrel
should be;
Shout! for the foe is destroyed that enslaved
thee,
Th' oppressor is vanquished, and Zion is free!
Fitzgerald's Coll. 1830.

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C. M.

- BEHOLD, the mountain of the Lord
In latter days shall rise
Above the mountains and the hills,
And draw the wandering eyes.
- 2 To this the joyful nations round,
All tribes and tongues, shall flow:
“Up to the hill of God,” they say,
“And to His house, we'll go.”
- 3 The beam that shines on Zion's hill
Shall lighten every land:
The King who reigns in Zion's towers
Shall all the world command.
- 4 No strife shall vex Messiah's reign,
Or mar the peaceful years;
To ploughshares men shall beat their swords,
To pruning-hooks, their spears.
- 5 Come, then, oh, come from every land,
To worship at His shrine;
And, walking in the light of God,
With holy beauty shine.

Michael Bruce. 1764.

The Christian Life—Invitation.

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7s, D.

WATCHMAN, tell us of the night,
What its signs of promise are.
Traveler, o'er yon mountain's height
See that glory beaming star!
Watchman, does its beauteous ray
Aught of joy or hope foretell?
Traveler, yes; it brings the day,
Promised day of Israel.

2 Watchman, tell us of the night;
Higher yet that star ascends.
Traveler, blessedness and light,
Peace and truth, its course portends.
Watchman, will its beams alone
Gild the spot that gave them birth?
Traveler, ages are its own;
See, it bursts o'er all the earth!

3 Watchman, tell us of the night,
For the morning seems to dawn.
Traveler, darkness takes its flight;
Doubt and terror are withdrawn.
Watchman, let thy wanderings cease;
Hie thee to thy quiet home.
Traveler, lo, the Prince of Peace,
Lo, the Son of God is come!

John Bowring. 1825.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE—INVITATION.

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C. M.

THE Saviour calls; let every ear
Attend the heavenly sound.
Ye doubting souls, dismiss your fear;
Hope smiles reviving round.

The Christian Life—Invitation.

- 2 For every thirsty, longing heart,
Here streams of bounty flow;
And life, and health, and bliss impart
To banish mortal woe.
- 3 Here springs of sacred pleasure rise
To ease your every pain:
Immortal fountain! full supplies!
Nor shall you thirst in vain.
- 4 Ye sinners, come, 't is mercy's voice;
The gracious call obey;
Mercy invites to heavenly joys—
And can you yet delay?
- 5 Dear Saviour, draw reluctant hearts!
To Thee let sinners fly,
And take the bliss Thy love imparts,
And drink and never die!

Anne Steele. 1760.

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ART thou weary, art thou languid,
Art thou sore distressed?
“Come to me,” saith One, “and coming,
Be at rest.”

- 2 Hath He marks to lead me to Him,
If He be my Guide?—
“In His feet and hands are wound-prints,
And His side.”
- 3 Is there diadem, as Monarch,
That His brow adorns?—
“Yea, a crown, in very surety;
But of thorns.”

The Christian Life—Invitation.

- 4 If I find Him, if I follow,
What His guerdon here?—
“Many a sorrow, many a labor,
Many a tear.”
- 5 If I still hold closely to Him,
What hath He at last?—
“Sorrow vanquished, labor ended,
Jordan passed.”
- 6 If I ask Him to receive me,
Will He say me nay?—
“Not till earth, and not till heaven
Pass away.”
- 7 Finding, following, keeping, struggling,
Is He sure to bless?—
“Saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs,
Answer, Yes.”

St. Stephen.

Tr. John M. Neale. 1853.

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COME unto me, when shadows darkly gather,
When the sad heart is weary and distressed,
Seeking for comfort from your heavenly Father,
Come unto me, and I will give you rest.

- 2 Large are the mansions in Thy Father's dwelling,
Glad are the homes that sorrows never dim,
Sweet are the harps in holy music swelling,
Soft are the tones which raise the heavenly
hymn.

The Christian Life—Invitation.

- 3 There, like an Eden blossoming in gladness,
Bloom the fair flowers the earth too rudely
pressed;
Come unto me, all ye who droop in sadness,
Come unto me, and I will give you rest.
Catherine H. Estling. 1839 ab.

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L. M.

- LIFE is the time to serve the Lord,
The time t' insure the great reward;
And while the Spirit gives concern;
The vilest sinner may return.
- 2 Life is the hour that God has given
To 'scape from hell, and fly to heaven;
The day of grace, and mortals may
Secure the blessings of the day.
- 3 Then what my thoughts design to do,
My hands with all your might pursue,
Since no device nor work is found,
Nor faith, nor hope, beneath the ground.
Isaac Watts. 1709.

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- O JESUS, Thou art standing
Outside the fast-closed door,
In lowly patience waiting
To pass the threshold o'er:
We bear the name of Christians,
His name and sign we bear:
Oh, shame, thrice shame upon us!
To keep Him standing there.

The Christian Life—Invitation.

2 O Jesus, Thou art knocking;
And lo! that hand is scarred,
And thorns Thy brow encircle,
And tears Thy face have marred:
Oh, love that passeth knowledge,
So patiently to wait!
Oh, sin that hath no equal,
So fast to bar the gate!

3 O Jesus, Thou art pleading
In accents meek and low,—
“I died for you, my children,
And will ye treat me so?”
O Lord, with shame and sorrow
We open now the door:
Dear Saviour, enter, enter,
And leave us nevermore!

William W. How. 1867.

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“COME unto me, ye weary,
And I will give you rest.”
Oh, blessed voice of Jesus,
Which comes to hearts opprest;
It tells of benediction,
Of pardon, grace, and peace,
Of joy that hath no ending,
Of love which cannot cease.

2 “Come unto me, dear children,
And I will give you light.”
Oh, loving voice of Jesus,
Which comes to cheer the night:

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Our hearts were filled with sadness,
And we had lost our way,
But morning brings us gladness,
And songs the break of day.

3 “Come unto me, ye fainting,
And I will give you life.”
Oh, peaceful voice of Jesus,
Which comes to end our strife:
The foe is stern and eager,
The fight is fierce and long;
But Thou hast made me mighty,
And stronger than the strong.

4 “And whosoever cometh
I will not cast Him out.”
Oh, patient love of Jesus,
Which drives away our doubt:
Which calls us,—very sinners,
Unworthy though we be
Of love so free and boundless,—
To come, dear Lord, to Thee.

William C. Dix. 1867.

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S. M.

THE Spirit, in our hearts,
Is whispering, “Sinners, come!”
The bride, the Church of Christ, proclaims
To all His children, “Come!”

2 Let him that heareth say
To all about him, “Come!”
Let him that thirsts for righteousness,
To Christ the Fountain come.

The Christian Life—Invitation.

3 Yes, whosoever will,
O let him freely come,
And freely drink the stream of life;
'T is Jesus bids him come.

4 Lo, Jesus, who invites,
Declares, "I quickly come:"
Lord, even so we wait Thine hour;
O blest Redeemer, come!

Henry U. Onderdonk. 1826 a

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COME to Calvary's holy mountain,
Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain
Flows to you, to me, to all,
In a full, perpetual tide,
Opened when our Saviour died.

2 Come in poverty and meanness,
Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness,
From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white:
Ye shall walk with God in light.

3 Come, in sorrow and contrition,
Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission,
Here the troubled, peace may find:
Health this fountain will restore,
He that drinks shall thirst no more.

The Christian Life—Invitation.

- 4 He that drinks shall live forever;
'T is a soul-renewing flood:
God is faithful,—God will never
Break His covenant in blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died,
Sealed when He was glorified.

James Montgomery. 1819.

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7s.

- COME, said Jesus' sacred voice,
Come, and make my paths your choice;
I will guide you to your home;
Weary pilgrim, hither come.
- 2 Thou who, houseless, sole, forlorn,
Long hast borne the proud world's scorn,
Long hast roamed the barren waste:
Weary pilgrim, hither haste.
- 3 Ye, by fiercer anguish torn,
Guilt, in strong remorse, who mourn,
Here repose your heavy care:
Conscience wounded who can bear?
- 4 Hither come, for here is found
Balm that flows for every wound;
Peace that ever shall endure;
Rest eternal, sacred, sure.

Anna L. Barbauld. 1792 a.

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L. M.

- RETURN, O wanderer, return,
And seek an injured Father's face;
Those warm desires that in thee burn
Were kindled by reclaiming grace.

The Christian Life—Invitation.

2 Return, O wanderer, return,
And seek a Father's melting heart;
His pitying eyes thy grief discern,
Whose hand can heal thy inward smart.

3 Return, O wanderer, return,
Thy Saviour bids thy spirit live;
Go to His bleeding feet, and learn
How freely Jesus can forgive.

4 Return, O wanderer, return,
And wipe away the falling tear:
'T is God who says, "No longer mourn,"
'T is mercy's voice invites thee near.

William B. Collyer. 1812.

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COME, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish,
Come, at the mercy-seat fervently kneel:
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your
anguish;
Earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot heal.

2 Joy of the desolate, Light of the straying,
Hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure,
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,
Earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot cure.

3 Here see the Bread of Life; see waters flowing
Forth from the throne of God, boundless in
love;
Come to the feast prepared; come, ever knowing
Earth has its sorrows but heaven can remove.

Thomas Moore. 1816 a.

Thomas Hastings. 1832. (ver. 3.)

The Christian Life—Invitation.

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L. M.

BEHOLD a Stranger's at the door!
He gently knocks, has knocked before;
Hath waited long, is waiting still:
You treat no other friend so ill.

2 Oh, lovely attitude! He stands
With melting heart and laden hands:
Oh, matchless kindness! and He shows
This matchless kindness to His foes!

3 But will He prove a friend indeed?
He will; the very friend you need;
The friend of sinners—yes, 't is He,
With garments dyed on Calvary.

4 Rise, touched with gratitude divine;
Turn out His enemy and thine,
That soul-destroying monster, sin,
And let the heavenly Stranger in.

5 Admit Him, ere His anger burn,
His feet departed ne'er return;
Admit Him, or the hour's at hand
You'll at His door rejected stand.

Joseph Grigg. 1765 a.

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THE voice of free grace cries, "Escape to the
mountain!"

For Adam's lost race Christ hath opened a
fountain;

The Christian Life—Invitation.

For sin and uncleanness, and every transgression,
His blood flows most freely in streams of salvation.

CHO.—Hallelujah to the Lamb! He hath purchased our pardon,
We'll praise Him again when we pass over Jordan.

2 Ye souls that are wounded! oh, flee to the Saviour!
He calls you in mercy—'tis infinite favor;
Your sins are increasing—escape to the mountain—
His blood can remove them, it flows from the fountain.

3 O Jesus! ride onward, triumphantly glorious,
O'er sin, death, and hell, Thou art more than victorious;
Thy name is the theme of the great congregation,
While angels and saints raise the shout of salvation.

4 With joy shall we stand, when escaped to the shore;
With harps in our hands, we'll praise Him the more;
We'll range the sweet plains on the bank of the river,
And sing of salvation for ever and ever.

Richard Burdsall.

The Christian Life—Invitation.

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H. M.

BLOW ye the trumpet, blow
The gladly solemn sound;
Let all the nations know,
To earth's remotest bound,
The year of Jubilee is come,
Return, ye ransomed sinners, home.

2 Extol the Lamb of God,
The all-atoning Lamb;
Redemption in His blood
Throughout the world proclaim:
The year of Jubilee is come;
Return, ye ransomed sinners, home.

3 The gospel trumpet hear,
The news of pardoning grace;
Ye happy souls, draw near,
Behold your Saviour's face:
The year of Jubilee is come;
Return, ye ransomed sinners, home.

4 Jesus, our great High Priest,
Has full atonement made;
Ye weary spirits, rest;
Ye mournful souls, be glad!
The year of Jubilee is come;
Return, ye ransomed sinners, home.

Charles Wesley. 1750 a.

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L. M.

HASTEN, O sinner, to be wise,
And stay not for the morrow's sun;
The longer wisdom you despise,
The harder is she to be won.

The Christian Life—Invitation.

2 Oh, hasten mercy to implore,
And stay not for the morrow's sun,
For fear thy season should be o'er
Before this evening's course be run.

3 Hasten, O sinner, to return,
And stay not for the morrow's sun,
For fear thy lamp should fail to burn
Before the needful work is done.

4 Hasten, O sinner, to be blest,
And stay not for the morrow's sun,
For fear the curse should thee arrest
Before the morrow is begun.

Thomas Scott. 1773.

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DELAY not, delay not, O sinner, draw near;
The waters of life are now flowing for thee!
No price is demanded, the Saviour is here,
Redemption is purchased, salvation is free.

2 Delay not, delay not; why longer abuse
The love and compassion of Jesus, thy God?
A fountain is opened, how canst thou refuse
To wash and be cleansed in His pardoning
blood?

3 Delay not, delay not, O sinner, to come,
For mercy still lingers, and calls thee to-day;
Her voice is not heard in the shades of the tomb;
Her message, unheeded, will soon pass away.

The Christian Life—Invitation.

- 4 Delay not, delay not; the Spirit of grace,
Long grieved and resisted, may take His sad
flight,
And leave thee in darkness to finish thy race,
To sink in the gloom of eternity's night.
Thomas Hastings. 1831.

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C. M.

HOW short and hasty is our life!
How vast our soul's affairs!
Yet senseless mortals vainly strive
To lavish out their years.

- 2 Our days run thoughtlessly along,
Without a moment's stay;
Just like a story, or a song,
We pass our lives away.
- 3 God from on high invites us home,
But we march heedless on,
And ever hastening to the tomb,
Stoop downwards as we run.
- 4 How we deserve the deepest hell,
That slight the joys above!
What chains of vengeance should we feel,
That break such cords of love!
- 5 Draw us, O Saviour, with Thy grace,
And lift our thoughts on high,
That we may end this mortal race,
And see salvation nigh.

Isaac Watts. 1707.

The Christian Life—Invitation.

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7s.

SINNERS, turn; why will ye die?
God, your Maker, asks you why—
God, who did your being give,
Made you with Himself to live.

2 Sinners, turn; why will ye die?
God, your Saviour, asks you why—
He who did your souls retrieve,
He who died, that ye might live.

3 Will you let Him die in vain?
Crucify your Lord again?
Why, ye ransomed sinners, why
Will ye slight His grace, and die?

4 Sinners, turn; why will ye die?
God, the Spirit, asks you why—
He who all your lives hath strove,
Wooed you to embrace His love.

5 Will ye not His grace receive?
Will ye still refuse to live?
O ye dying sinners, why
Will ye grieve your God, and die?

Charles Wesley. 1741.

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ALL ye that pass by,
To Jesus draw nigh:
To you is it nothing that Jesus should die?
Your ransom and peace,
Your surety He is:
Come, see if there ever was sorrow like His.

The Christian Life—Invitation.

2 He dies to atone
For sins not His own;
Your debt He hath paid, and your work He hath
done.

Ye all may receive
The peace He did leave,
Who made intercession, "My Father, forgive!"

3 For you and for me
He prayed on the tree;
The prayer is accepted, the sinner is free.
That sinner am I,
Who on Jesus rely,
And come for the pardon God cannot deny.

4 My pardon I claim,
For a sinner I am,—
A sinner believing in Jesus Christ's name.
He purchased the grace
Which now I embrace:
O Father, Thou know'st He hath died in my place.
Charles Wesley. 1749.

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S. M.

LET every ear attend,
And every heart rejoice;
The trumpet of the gospel sounds
With an inviting voice.

2 Ho! all ye starving souls,
That feed upon the wind,
And vainly strive with earthly toys
To fill an empty mind:

The Christian Life—Penitence.

- 3 Here wisdom has prepared
A soul-reviving feast;
And bids your longing appetites
The rich provision taste.
- 4 Ho! ye that pant for streams,
And pine away and die,
Here you may quench your raging thirst
With springs that never dry.
- 5 Rivers of mercy here
In a rich ocean join;
Salvation in abundance flows,
Like floods of milk and wine.
- 6 The gates of gospel grace
Stand open night and day:
Lord, we are come to seek supplies,
And drive our wants away.

Isaac Watts. 1707 a.

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L. M.

WITH broken heart and contrite sigh,
A trembling sinner, Lord, I cry:
Thy pardoning grace is rich and free:
O God, be merciful to me!

- 2 I smite upon my troubled breast,
With deep and conscious guilt oppressed;
Christ and His cross my only plea:
O God, be merciful to me!

The Christian Life—Penitence.

3 Nor alms, nor deeds that I have done,
Can for a single sin atone;
To Calvary alone I flee:
O God, be merciful to me!

4 And when, redeemed from sin and hell,
With all the ransomed throng I dwell,
My raptured song shall ever be,
God hath been merciful to me!

Cornelius Elven. 1852.

377 *Prayer for the Church and the World.* L. M.

DEEP in the dust before Thy throne,
Our guilt and our disgrace we own;
Great God! we own th' unhappy name
Whence sprung our nature and our shame.

2 But whilst our spirits, filled with awe
Behold the terrors of Thy law,
We sing the honors of Thy grace,
That sent to save our ruined race.

3 We sing Thine everlasting Son,
Who joined our nature to His own;
The second Adam, from the dust,
Raises the ruins of the first.

4 Where sin did reign, and death abound,
There have the sons of Adam found
Abounding life; there glorious grace
Reigns through the Lord our righteousness.

Anon.

The Christian Life—Penitence.

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L. M.

SHOW pity, Lord! O Lord, forgive!
Let a repenting sinner live:
Are not Thy mercies large and free?
May not the contrite trust in Thee?

2 Great God, Thy nature hath no bound,
So let Thy pardoning Love be found.
O wash my soul from every sin,
And make my guilty conscience clean!

3 My lips with shame my sins confess
Against Thy law, against Thy grace:
Lord, should Thy judgment grow severe,
I am condemned, but Thou art clear.

4 Yet save a trembling sinner, Lord,
Whose hope, still hov'ring round Thy Word,
Would light on some sweet promise there,
Some sure support against despair.

Isaac Watts. 1719 a.

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JESUS, save my dying soul,
Make the broken spirit whole;
Humbled in the dust I lie;
Saviour, leave me not to die.

2 Jesus, full of every grace,
Now reveal Thy smiling face;
Grant the joy of sin forgiven,
Foretaste of the bliss of heaven.

The Christian Life—Penitence.

- 3 All my guilt to Thee is known—
Thou art righteous, Thou alone;
All my help is from Thy cross;
All beside I count but loss.
- 4 Lord, in Thee I now believe;
Wilt Thou—wilt Thou not forgive?
Helpless at Thy feet I lie;
Saviour, leave me not to die.

Thomas Hastings. 1831

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L. M.

- O** THOU that hear'st when sinners cry;
Though all my crimes before Thee lie,
Behold them not with angry look;
But blot their memory from Thy book.
- 2 Create my nature pure within,
And form my soul averse to sin:
Let Thy good Spirit ne'er depart,
Nor hide Thy presence from my heart.
- 3 I cannot live without Thy light,
Cast out and banished from Thy sight;
Thy holy joys, O God, restore,
And guard me that I fall no more.
- 4 A broken heart, my God, my King,
Is all the sacrifice I bring:
The God of grace will ne'er despise
A broken heart for sacrifice.

The Christian Life—Penitence.

- 5 My soul lies humbled in the dust,
And owns Thy dreadful sentence just:
Look down, O Lord, with pitying eye,
And save the soul condemned to die.

Isaac Watts. 1719.

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L. M.

TURN, great Ruler of the skies,
Turn from my sin Thy searching eyes,
Nor let th' offences of my hand
Within Thy book recorded stand.

- 2 Give me a will to Thine subdued,
A conscience pure, a soul renewed;
Nor let me, wrapt in endless gloom,
An outcast from Thy presence roam.

- 3 Oh, let Thy Spirit to my heart
Once more His quickening aid impart,
My mind from every fear release,
And soothe my troubled thoughts to peace.

- 4 So shall the souls whom error's sway
Has urged from Thee, blest Lord, to stray,
From me Thy heavenly precepts learn,
And humbled to their God return.

James Merrick. 1765.

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S. M.

THOU who wouldst not have
One wretched sinner die,
Who diedst Thyself, my soul to save
From endless misery!

The Christian Life—Penitence.

- 2 Show me the way to shun
Thy dreadful wrath severe,
That when Thou comest on Thy throne
I may with joy appear.
- 3 Thou art Thyself the Way,
Thyself in me reveal;
So shall I pass my life's short day
Obedient to Thy will.
- 4 So shall I love my God,
Because He first loved me,
And praise Thee in Thy bright abode,
Through all eternity.

Charles Wesley. 1749.

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- J**ESUS, full of all compassion,
Hear Thy humble suppliant's cry;
Let me know Thy great salvation;
See! I languish, faint, and die.
- 2 Guilty, but with heart relenting,
Overwhelmed with helpless grief,
Prostrate at Thy feet repenting,
Send, oh, send me quick relief!
 - 3 Whither should a wretch be flying,
But to Him who comfort gives?
Whither, from the dread of dying,
But to Him who ever lives?

The Christian Life—Penitence.

- 4 While I view Thee, wounded, grieving,
Breathless, on the cursèd tree,
Fain I'd feel my heart believing,
Thou didst suffer thus for me.

Daniel Turner. 1769.

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S. M.

HARK! through the courts of heaven
Angelic voices sound:
He that was dead now lives again;
He that was lost is found.

- 2 God of unfailing grace,
Send down Thy Spirit now;
Oh, raise the lowly soul to hope,
And make the lofty bow.

- 3 In countries far from home,
On earthly husks who feed,
Back to their Father's house, O Lord,
Their wandering footsteps lead.

- 4 Then at each soul's return,
The heavenly harp shall sound;
He that was dead now lives again;
He that was lost is found.

Henry Alford. 1844.

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7s.

GOD of mercy! God of grace!
Hear our penitential songs:
Oh, restore Thy suppliant race,
Thou to whom our praise belongs!

The Christian Life—Penitence.

- 2 Deep regret for follies past,
Talents wasted, time misspent;
Hearts debased by worldly cares,
Thankless for the blessings lent;
- 3 Foolish fears and fond desires;
Vain regrets for things as vain;
Lips too seldom taught to praise,
Oft to murmur and complain;
- 4 These, and every secret fault,
Filled with grief and shame, we own;
Humbled at Thy feet we lie,
Seeking pardon from Thy throne.

John Taylor. 1799 a.

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C. M.

- WITH tears of anguish I lament,
Here at Thy feet, my God,
My passion, pride, and discontent,
And vile ingratitude.
- 2 Sure there was ne'er a heart so base,
So false as mine has been:
So faithless to its promises,
So prone to every sin!
 - 3 How long, dear Saviour, shall I feel
These strugglings in my breast?
When wilt Thou bow my stubborn will,
And give my conscience rest?
 - 4 Break, sovereign Grace, oh, break the charm,
And set the captive free:
Reveal, Almighty God, Thine arm,
And haste to rescue me.

Samuel Stennett. 1787.

The Christian Life—Penitence.

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S. M.

THOU Lord of all above,
And all below the sky,
Before Thy feet I prostrate fall,
And for Thy mercy cry.

2 Forgive my follies past,
— The crimes which I have done;
Oh, bid a contrite sinner live,
Through Thine incarnate Son.

3 Guilt, like a heavy load,
Upon my conscience lies;
To Thee I make my sorrows known,
And lift my weeping eyes.

4 The burden which I feel,
Thou only canst remove;
Display, O Lord, Thy pardoning grace,
And Thine unbounded love.

5 One gracious look of Thine
Will ease my troubled breast;
Oh, let me know my sins forgiven,
And I shall then be blest.

Benjamin Beddome. 1817.

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C. M.

MY hope, my portion, and my God,
How little art Thou known
By all the judgments of Thy rod,
And blessings of Thy throne!

The Christian Life—Penitence.

- 2 How cold and feeble is my love!
How negligent my fear!
How low my hope of joys above!
How few affections there!
- 3 Great God! Thy gracious aid impart
To give Thy word success;
Write Thy salvation in my heart,
That I may learn Thy grace.
- 4 Show my forgetful feet the way
That leads to joys on high:
There knowledge grows without decay,
And love shall never die.

Anon.

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10s.

WEARY of earth, and laden with my sin,
I look at heaven, and long to enter in.
But there no evil thing may find a home;
And yet I hear a voice that bids me "Come."

- 2 So vile I am, how dare I hope to stand
In the pure glory of that Holy Land?
Before the whiteness of that throne appear?
Yet there are hands stretched out to draw me
near.
- 3 The while I fain would tread the heavenly way,
Evil is ever with me day by day;
Yet on mine ears the gracious tidings fall:
"Repent, confess; thou shalt be loosed from
all."

The Christian Life—Penitence.

- 4 It is the voice of Jesus that I hear;
His are the hands stretched out to draw me near;
And His the blood that can for all atone,
And set me faultless there before the throne.
- 5 'T was He who found me on the deathly wild;
And made me heir of Heaven, the Father's
child;
And day by day, whereby my soul may live,
Gives me His grace of pardon, and will give.
- Samuel J. Stone. 1866.*

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C. M.

WHEN, rising from the bed of death,
O'erwhelmed with guilt and fear,
I see my Maker face to face,
Oh, how shall I appear!

- 2 But there's forgiveness, Lord, with Thee;
Thy nature is benign:
Thy pard'ning mercy I implore,
For mercy, Lord, is Thine.

- 3 Oh, let Thy boundless mercy shine
On my benighted soul!
Correct my passions, mend my heart,
And all my fears control.

- 4 And may I taste Thy richer grace,
In that decisive hour,
When Christ to judgment shall descend
And time shall be no more.

Joseph Addison. 1712 a.

The Christian Life—Penitence.

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OUT of the depths I cry to Thee,
Lord God, O hear my wailing!
Thy gracious ear incline to me,
And make my prayer availing!
On my misdeeds in mercy look,
O deign to blot them from Thy book,
Or who can stand before Thee?

2 Thou canst be merciful while just,—
This is my hope's foundation;
On Thy redeeming grace I trust,—
Grant me, then, Thy salvation.
Shielded by Thee, I stand secure;
Thy word is firm, Thy promise sure,
And I rely upon Thee.

3 Like those who watch for midnight's hour
To hail the dawning morrow,
I wait for Thee, I trust Thy power,
Unmoved by doubt or sorrow.
So thus let Israel hope in Thee,
And he shall find Thy mercy free,
And Thy redemption plenteous.

4 Where'er the greatest sins abound,
By grace they are exceeded;
Thy helping hand is always found
With aid, where aid is needed:
Thy hand, the only hand to save,
Will rescue Israel from the grave,
And pardon his transgression.

Marlin Luther. 1524 tr. 1859.

The Christian Life—Supplication.

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LEAD, kindly Light! amid th' encircling
gloom,
Lead Thou me on;
The night is dark, and I am far from home,
Lead Thou me on;
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene; one step enough for me.

- 2 I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou
Shouldst lead me on;
I loved to choose and see my path; but now
Lead Thou me on;
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will. Remember not past years.
- 3 So long Thy power has blessed me, sure it still
Will lead me on
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone;
And with the morn those angel faces smile
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile!

John H. Newman. 1833.

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8s, 6.

O THOU, the contrite sinners' Friend!
Who, loving, lov'st them to the end.
On this alone my hopes depend,
That Thou wilt plead for me.

The Christian Life—Supplication.

- 2 When weary in the Christian race,
Far off appears my resting-place,
And, fainting, I mistrust Thy grace,
Then, Saviour, plead for me.
- 3 When I have erred and gone astray,
Afar from Thine and wisdom's way,
And see no glimmering, guiding ray,
Still, Saviour, plead for me.
- 4 When Satan, by my sins made bold,
Strives from Thy cross to loose my hold,
Then with Thy pitying arms enfold,
And plead, oh, plead for me!
- 5 And when my dying hour draws near,
Darkened with anguish, guilt and fear,
Then to my fainting sight appear,
Pleading in heaven for me.
- 6 When the full light of heavenly day
Reveals my sins in dread array,
Say Thou hast washed them all away;
Oh, say Thou plead'st for me!

Charlotte Elliott. 1835.

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SPIRIT of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, thro' all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

- 2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitant, no op'ning skies;
But take the dimness of my soul away.

The Christian Life—Supplication.

- 3 Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.
- 4 Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,—
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The kindling of the Heaven-descended Dove,
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

George Croly. 1854.

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7s, 6l.

JESUS, Saviour, pilot me,
Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rock and treacherous shoal;
Chart and compass come from Thee:
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.

- 2 As a mother stills her child,
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boisterous waves obey Thy will
When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!"
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea,
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.

- 3 When at last I near the shore,
And the fearful breakers roar
'Twixt me and the peaceful rest,
Then, while leaning on Thy breast,
May I hear Thee say to me,
"Fear not, I will pilot thee!"

Edward Hopper. 1871.

The Christian Life—Supplication.

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C. M.

O THOU, from whom all goodness flows,
I lift my soul to Thee;
In all my sorrows, conflicts, woes,
O Lord, remember me!

2 When on my aching, burdened heart
My sins lie heavily,
Thy pardon grant, new peace impart;
Then, Lord, remember me!

3 When trials sore obstruct my way,
And ills I cannot flee,
Oh, let my strength be as my day—
Dear Lord, remember me!

4 When in the solemn hour of death
I wait Thy just decree;
Be this the prayer of my last breath:
Now, Lord, remember me!

5 And when before Thy throne I stand,
And lift my soul to Thee,
Then with the saints at Thy right hand,
O Lord, remember me!

Thomas Haweis. 1792.

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GOD of my salvation, hear,
And help me to believe;
Simply do I now draw near,
Thy blessing to receive:

The Christian Life—Supplication.

Full of guilt, alas! I am,
But to Thy wounds for refuge flee:
Friend of sinners, spotless Lamb,
Thy blood was shed for me.

- 2 Nothing have I, Lord, to pay,
Nor can Thy grace procure;
Empty send me not away,
For I, Thou know'st, am poor:
Dust and ashes is my name,
My all is sin and misery:
Friend of sinners, spotless Lamb,
Thy blood was shed for me.

Charles Wesley. 1742.

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8s, 6.

O GOD of mercy, God of might,
In love and pity infinite,
Teach us, as ever in Thy sight,
To live our life to Thee.

- 2 And Thou, who cam'st on earth to die,
That fallen man might live thereby,
O hear us, for to Thee we cry,
In hope, O Lord, to Thee.
- 3 Teach us the lesson Thou hast taught,
To feel for those Thy blood hath bought,
That every word, and deed, and thought
May work a work for Thee.
- 4 For all are brethren, far and wide,
Since Thou, O Lord, for all hast died;
Then teach us, whatsoe'er betide,
To love them all in Thee.

Godfrey Thring. 1877.

The Christian Life—Supplication.

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LORD, I hear of showers of blessing,
Thou art scattering full and free;
Showers the thirsty land refreshing:
Let some droppings fall on me—

CHO.—Even me, Even me,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

2 Pass me not, O gracious Father,
Sinful though my heart may be,
Thou might'st leave me, but the rather
Let Thy mercy light on me—

3 Pass me not, O gracious Saviour;
Let me love and cling to Thee:
I am longing for Thy favor,
Whilst Thou'rt calling, oh, call me—

4 Pass me not, O mighty Spirit;
Thou canst make the blind to see;
Witnesser of Jesus' merit,
Speak the word of power to me—

5 Love of God, so pure and changeless,
Blood of Christ, so rich and free,
Grace of God, so strong and boundless,
Magnify it all in me—

6 Pass me not, but, pardon bringing,
Bind my heart, O Lord, to Thee;
Whilst the streams of life are springing,
Blessing others, oh, bless me—

Elizabeth Codner. 1860.

The Christian Life—Supplication.

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L. M.

LORD, keep us steadfast in Thy word:
Curb those who fain by craft or sword,
Would wrest the kingdom from Thy Son,
And set at naught all He hath done.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, Thy power make known;
For Thou art Lord of lords alone;
Defend Thy Christendom, that we
May evermore sing praise to Thee.

3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth,
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

Martin Luther. 1541.

Tr. Catherine Winkworth. 1863.

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6s, 4s.

I NEED Thee every hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford.

REFRAIN—I need Thee; oh! I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Saviour!
I come to Thee.

2 I need Thee every hour,
Stay Thou near by;
Temptations lose their power
When Thou art nigh.

The Christian Life—Supplication.

3 I need Thee every hour,
Teach me Thy will;
And Thy rich promises
In me fulfil.

4 I need Thee every hour,
Most Holy One;
Oh, make me Thine indeed,
Thou blessèd Son.

Annie S. Hawks. 1872.

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7s, 6l.

ROCK of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee!
Let the Water and the Blood,
From Thy riven side that flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save me, Lord, and make me pure.

2 Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfil Thy Law's demands:
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone:
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy Cross I cling:
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly,
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

The Christian Life—Supplication.

- 4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar through tracts unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee!

Augustus M. Toplady. 1776 a.

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C. M.

AND didst Thou, Jesus, condescend,
When veiled in human clay,
To heal the sick, the lame, the blind,
And drive disease away?

- 2 Didst Thou regard the beggar's, cry,
And cause the blind to see?
Jesus, Thou Son of David, hear,
Have mercy, too, on me.

- 3 And didst Thou pity mortal woe,
And sight and health restore?
Oh, pity, Lord, and save my soul,
Which needs Thy mercy more.

- 4 Didst Thou Thy trembling servant raise,
When sinking in the wave?
I perish, Lord; oh, save my soul;
For Thou alone canst save.

"Am-a." 1769 a.

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COME, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.

The Christian Life—Supplication.

- 2 Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the saints Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.
- 3 Born, Thy people to deliver;
Born a child, and yet a King;
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now Thy precious kingdom bring.
- 4 By Thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley. 1744.

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C. M.

- THERE is a voice of sovereign grace
Sounds from the sacred word:
"Ho, ye despairing sinners come,
And trust upon the Lord."
- 2 My soul obeys th' almighty call,
And runs to this relief;
I would believe Thy promise, Lord,
Oh, help my unbelief!
- 3 To the dear fountain of Thy blood,
Incarnate God, I fly;
Here let me wash my sinful soul
From crimes of deepest dye.
- 4 A guilty, weak, and helpless one,
On Thy kind arms I fall;
Be Thou my strength and righteousness,
My Jesus, and my All.

Isaac Watts. 1707 a.

The Christian Life—Supplication.

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C. M.

O JESUS, Saviour of the lost,
My Rock and Hiding-place,
By storms of sin and sorrow tossed,
I seek Thy sheltering grace.

2 Guilty, forgive me, Lord, I cry,
Pursued by foes I come;
A sinner, save me, or I die;
An outcast, take me home.

3 Once safe in Thine almighty arms,
Let storms come on amain;
There danger never, never harms;
There death itself is gain.

4 And when I stand before Thy throne,
And all Thy glory see,
Still be my righteousness alone
To hide myself in Thee.

Edward H. Bickersteth. 1849.

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6s, 5s, D.

BRIGHTLY gleams our banner,
Pointing to the sky,
Waving wanderers onward
To their home on high.
Journeying o'er the desert,
Gladly thus we pray,
And with hearts united,
Take our heavenward way.

REFRAIN.—Brightly gleams our banner,
Pointing to the sky,
Waving wanderers onward
To their home on high.

The Christian Life—Supplication.

2 Jesus, Lord and Master,
At Thy sacred feet,
Here with hearts rejoicing
See Thy children meet;
Often have we left Thee,
Often gone astray;
Keep us, mighty Saviour,
In the narrow way.

3 All our days direct us
In the way we go;
Lead us on victorious
Over every foe:
Bid Thine angels shield us
When the storm-clouds lower;
Pardon Thou and save us
In the last dread hour.

Thomas J. Potter. 1860 a.

408

7s, D.

TAKE my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee,
Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee;
Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.

2 Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee;
Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;

The Christian Life—Supplication.

Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

- 3 Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own!
It shall be Thy royal throne;
Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure-store;
Take myself, and I will be,
Ever, only, all, for Thee!

Frances R. Havergal. 1874.

409

7s.

COME, my soul, thy suit prepare,
Jesus loves to answer prayer;
He Himself has bid thee pray,
Therefore will not say thee nay.

- 2 With my burden I begin:—
Lord! remove this load of sin;
Let Thy blood for sinners spilt,
Set my conscience free from guilt.
- 3 Lord! I come to Thee for rest;
Take possession of my breast;
There Thy blood-bought right maintain,
And, without a rival, reign.
- 4 While I am a pilgrim here,
Let Thy love my spirit cheer;
As my Guide, my Guard, my Friend,
Lead me to my journey's end.

The Christian Life—Supplication.

- 5 Show me what I have to do,
Every hour my strength renew;
Let me live a life of faith,
Let me die Thy people's death.

John Newton. 1779.

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C. M.

APPROACH, my soul, the mercy-seat,
Where Jesus answers prayer;
There humbly fall before His feet,
For none can perish there.

- 2 Thy promise is my only plea;
With this I venture nigh;
Thou callest burdened souls to Thee,
And such, O Lord, am I.
- 3 Bowed down beneath a load of sin,
By Satan sorely pressed,
By war without, and fear within,
I come to Thee for rest.
- 4 Be Thou my shield and hiding-place;
That, sheltered near Thy side,
I may my fierce accuser face,
And tell him Thou hast died.
- 5 Oh, wondrous love, to bleed and die,
To bear the cross and shame,
That guilty sinners, such as I,
Might plead Thy gracious name!

John Newton. 1779.

The Christian Life—Supplication.

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S. M.

THE Lord, who truly knows
The heart of every saint,
Invites us by His holy word
To pray and never faint.

2 He bows His gracious ear;
We never plead in vain;
Yet we must wait till He appear,
And pray, and pray again.

3 Though unbelief suggest,
Why should we longer wait?
He bids us never give Him rest,
But be importunate.

4 Then let us earnest be,
And never faint in prayer;
He loves our importunity,
And makes our cause His care.

John Newton. 1779 a.

412

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JESUS, grant me this, I pray,
Ever in Thy heart to stay;
Let me ever more abide
Hidden in Thy wounded side.

2 If the Evil One prepare,
Or the world, a tempting snare,
I am safe, when I abide
In Thy heart and wounded side.

The Christian Life—Supplication.

3 If the flesh, more dangerous still,
Tempt my soul to deeds of ill,
Naught I fear, when I abide
In Thy heart and wounded side.

4 Death will come one day to me;
Jesus, cast me not from Thee:
Dying, let me still abide
In Thy heart and wounded side.

Anon.

413

S. M.

TEACH me, my God and King,
In all things Thee to see,
And what I do in anything,
To do it as for Thee!

2 To scorn the senses' sway,
While still to Thee I tend;
In all I do be Thou the Way,
In all be Thou the End!

3 All may of Thee partake;
Nothing so small can be,
But draws, when acted for Thy sake,
Greatness and worth from Thee.

4 If done t' obey Thy laws,
E'en servile labors shine;
Hallowed is toil, if this the cause,
The meanest work divine.

*From George Herbert. 1632.
Tr. by John Wesley. 1739.*

The Christian Life—Faith and Justification.

414 *Wesley's Hymns* C. M.

O H, for a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free!
A heart that always feels Thy blood,
So freely spilt for me!

2 A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
My great Redeemer's throne!
Where only Christ is heard to speak,
Where Jesus reigns alone:

3 A humble, lowly, contrite heart,
Believing, true, and clean;
Which neither life nor death can part
From Him that dwells within:

4 A heart in every thought renewed,
And full of love divine;
Perfect and right, and pure and good,
A copy, Lord, of Thine!

5 Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart,
Come quickly from above;
Write Thy new name upon my heart,
Thy new, best name of Love.

Charles Wesley. 1742 a.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE—FAITH AND JUSTIFICATION.

415 *Wesley's Hymns* 8s, 6l.

M Y hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name:
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

The Christian Life—Faith and Justification.

2 When darkness seems to veil His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the vail;
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

3 His oath, His covenant, and blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay:
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

Edward Mote. 1834.

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C. M.

JESUS, Thou art my Righteousness,
For all my sins were Thine:
Thy death hath bought of God my peace,
Thy life hath made Him mine.

2 Now justified in Thee I am;
My sins are all forgiven:
I taste salvation in Thy name,
And antedate my heaven.

3 Believing on my Lord, I find
A sure and present aid:
On Thee alone my constant mind
Be every moment stayed.

4 Whate'er in me seems wise, or good,
Or strong, I here disclaim:
I wash my garments in the blood
Of the atoning Lamb.

The Christian Life—Faith and Justification.

- 5 Jesus, my Strength, my Life, my Rest,
On Thee will I depend,
Till summoned to the marriage-feast,
Where faith in sight shall end.

Charles Wesley. 1740.

417

C. M.

LORD, we confess our numerous faults,
How great our guilt has been:
Foolish and vain were all our thoughts,
And all our lives were sin.

- 2 But, O my soul, forever praise,
Forever love His Name,
Who turns thy feet from dangerous ways
Of folly, sin, and shame.

- 3 'T is not by works of righteousness
Which our own hands have done;
But we are saved by sovereign grace
Abounding through His Son.

- 4 'T is through the purchase of His death
Who hung upon the tree,
The Spirit is sent down to breathe
On such dry bones as we.

- 5 Raised from the dead, we live anew;
And, justified by grace,
We shall appear in glory too,
And see our Father's face.

Isaac Watts. 1709 a.

The Christian Life—Faith and Justification.

418

L. M.

JESUS, Thy blood and Righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.

- 2 When from the dust of death I rise
To take my mansion in the skies,
E'en then shall this be all my plea—
"Jesus hath lived, hath died for me."
- 3 Bold shall I stand in Thy great day,
For who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully, through Thee, absolved I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- 4 This spotless robe the same appears
When ruined nature sinks in years;
Age cannot change its constant hue,
Thy blood preserves it ever new.
- 5 And when the dead shall hear Thy voice,
Thy banished children shall rejoice;
Their beauty this, their glorious dress,
Jesus, the Lord our Righteousness.

*Nicolaus L. Zinzendorf. 1739.
Tr. John Wesley. 1740 a.*

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I N Thy cleft, O Rock of Ages,
Hide Thou me;
When the fitful tempest rages,
Hide Thou me;

The Christian Life—Faith and Justification.

Where no mortal arm can sever
From my heart Thy love forever,
Hide me, O Thou Rock of Ages,
Safe in Thee.

2 From the snare of sinful pleasure,
Hide Thou me;
Thou, my soul's eternal treasure,
Hide Thou me,
When the world its power is wielding,
And my heart is almost yielding,
Hide me, O Thou Rock of Ages,
Safe in Thee.

3 In the lonely night of sorrow,
Hide Thou me;
Till in glory dawns the morrow,
Hide Thou me;
In the sight of Jordan's billow,
Let Thy bosom be my pillow;
Hide me, O Thou Rock of Ages,
Safe in Thee.

Fanny J. Crosby. 1880.

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8s, 5, 3.

PRECIOUS, precious blood of Jesus,
Shed on Calvary,
Shed for rebels, shed for sinners,
Shed for thee!

2 Though thy sins are red like crimson,
Deep in scarlet glow,
Jesus' precious blood shall wash thee
White as snow.

The Christian Life—Faith and Justification.

3 Precious blood that hath redeemed us!

All the price is paid!

Perfect pardon now is offered,

Peace is made.

4 Precious blood! by this we conquer

In the fiercest fight,

Sin and Satan overcoming

By its might.

Frances R. Havergal. 1874.

421

L. M.

BLEST is the man, for ever blest,
Whose guilt is pardoned by his God,
Whose sins with sorrow are confessed,
And covered with his Saviour's blood.

2 Blest is the man to whom the Lord

Imputes not his iniquities;

He pleads no merit of reward,

And not on works, but grace relies.

3 From guile his heart and lips are free,

His humble joy, his holy fear,

With deep repentance well agree,

And join to prove his faith sincere.

4 How glorious is that righteousness

That hides and cancels all his sins!

While a bright evidence of grace

Through his whole life appears and shines.

Isaac Watts. 1719.

The Christian Life—Faith and Justification.

422

C. M.

OH, for a faith that will not shrink,
Though pressed by every foe,
That will not tremble on the brink
Of any earthly woe!—

2 That will not murmur nor complain
Beneath the chastening rod,
But, in the hour of grief or pain,
Will lean upon its God;—

3 A faith that keeps the narrow way
Till life's last hour is fled,
And with a pure and heavenly ray
Lights up a dying bed.

4 Lord, give us such a faith as this,
And then, whate'er may come,
We'll taste, e'en here, the hallowed bliss
Of an eternal home.

William H. Bathurst. 1831.

423

C. M.

IF Thou impart Thyself to me,
No other good I need;
If Thou, the Son, shalt make me free,
I shall be free indeed.

2 I know in Thee all fulness dwells,
And all for wretched man;
Fill every want my spirit feels,
And break off every chain!

The Christian Life—Fellowship with God.

- 3 From sin, the guilt, the power, the pain,
Thou wilt redeem my soul;
Lord, I believe, and not in vain;
My faith shall make me whole.
- 4 I too with Thee shall walk in white,
With all Thy saints shall prove
What is the length, and breadth, and height,
And depth of perfect love.

Charles Wesley. 1740.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE—FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD.

424

C. M.

- W**ALK in the light! so shalt thou know
That fellowship of love
His Spirit only can bestow,
Who reigns in light above.
- 2 Walk in the light! and thou shalt own
Thy darkness passed away,
Because that light on thee hath shone
In which is perfect day.
- 3 Walk in the light! and e'en the tomb
No fearful shade shall wear:
Glory shall chase away its gloom,
For Christ hath conquered there!
- 4 Walk in the light! and thine shall be
A path, though thorny, bright;
For God, by grace, shall dwell in thee,
And God Himself is light.

Bernard Barton. 1826.

The Christian Life—Fellowship with God.

425

C. M.

OH, that the Lord would guide my ways,
To keep His statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
To know and do His will!

2 Order my footsteps by Thy word,
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.

3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
A stricter watch to keep;
And, should I e'er forget Thy way,
Restore Thy wandering sheep.

4 Make me to walk in Thy commands;
'T is a delightful road:
Nor let my lips, or heart, or hands
Offend against my God.

Isaac Watts. 1719 a.

426

S. M.

NOT with our mortal eyes
Have we beheld the Lord;
Yet we rejoice to hear His name,
And love Him in His word.

2 On earth we want the sight
Of our Redeemer's face;
Yet, Lord, our inmost thoughts delight
To dwell upon Thy grace.

The Christian Life—Fellowship with God.

- 3 And when we taste Thy love,
Our joys divinely grow
Unspeakable, like those above,
And Heaven begins below.

Isaac Watts. 1709.

427

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WHAT a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear;
What a privilege to carry
Every thing to God in prayer.
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
Every thing to God in prayer.

- 2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a Friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge,—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Joseph Scriven. 1855.

The Christian Life—Fellowship with God.

428

6s, 4s.

N EARER, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me,
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!

2 Though like the wanderer,
The sun gone down,
Darkness be over me,
My rest a stone;
Yet in my dreams I'd be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!

3 There let the way appear
Steps unto heaven;
All that Thou sendest me
In mercy given;
Angels to beckon me
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!

4 Then with my waking thoughts
Bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs
Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!

The Christian Life—Fellowship with God.

5 Or if on joyful wing
Cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot,
Upwards I fly,
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!

Sarah F. Adams. 1841 a.

429

C. M.

I LOVE to steal awhile away
From every cumbering care,
And spend the hours of setting day
In humble, grateful prayer.

2 I love in solitude to shed
The penitential tear,
And all His promises to plead,
Where none but God can hear.

3 I love to think on mercies past,
And future good implore,
And all my cares and sorrows cast
On Him whom I adore.

4 I love by faith to take a view
Of brighter scenes in heaven;
The prospect doth my strength renew,
While here by tempests driven.

5 Thus, when life's toilsome day is o'er,
May its departing ray
Be calm as this impressive hour,
And lead to endless day.

Phæbe H. Brown. 1818.

The Christian Life—Fellowship with God.

430

8s, 7s.

ALWAYS with us, always with us—
Words of cheer and words of love;
Thus the risen Saviour whispers,
From His dwelling-place above.

2 With us when we toil in sadness,
Sowing much and reaping none;
Telling us that in the future
Golden harvests shall be won.

3 With us when the storm is sweeping
O'er our pathway dark and drear;
Waking hope within our bosoms,
Stilling every anxious fear.

4 With us in the lonely valley,
When we cross the chilling stream;
Lighting up the steps to glory
With salvation's radiant beam.

Edwin H. Nevin. 1857.

431

8s, D.

THOU Shepherd of Israel divine,
The joy and desire of my heart,
For closer communion I pine,
I long to reside where Thou art:
The pasture I languish to find
Where all, who their Shepherd obey,
Are fed, on Thy bosom reclined,
And screened from the heat of the day.

The Christian Life—Fellowship with God.

- 2 Ah! show me that happiest place,
The place of Thy people's abode,
Where saints in an ecstasy gaze,
And hang on a crucified God!
Thy love for a sinner declare,
Thy passion and death on the tree;
My spirit to Calvary bear,
To suffer and triumph with Thee.
- 3 'T is there with the lambs of Thy flock,
There only I covet to rest,
To lie at the foot of the Rock,
Or rise to be hid in Thy breast;
'T is there I would always abide,
And never a moment depart;
Concealed in the cleft of Thy side,
Eternally held in Thy heart.

John and Charles, Wesley. 1762.

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C. M.

- O H, could I find, from day to day,
A nearness to my God:
Then should my hours glide sweet away
While leaning on His word.
- 2 Lord, I desire with Thee to live
Anew from day to day,
In joys the world can never give,
Nor ever take away.
- 3 O Jesus, come and rule my heart,
And make me wholly Thine,
That I may never more depart,
Nor grieve Thy love divine.

The Christian Life—Fellowship with God.

- 4 Thus till my last expiring breath,
Thy goodness I'll adore;
And when my flesh dissolves in death,
My soul shall love Thee more.

Benjamin Cleveland. 1792.

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8s, 6l.

- JESUS! Thy boundless love to me
No thought can reach, no tongue declare;
O knit my thankful heart to Thee,
And reign without a rival there:
Thine wholly, Thine alone, I am;
Be Thou alone my constant flame.
- 2 O grant that nothing in my soul
May dwell, but Thy pure love alone;
O may Thy love possess me whole,
My joy, my treasure, and my crown:
Strange fires far from my heart remove;
My every act, word, thought, be love!
- 3 O Love! how cheering is Thy ray!
All pain before Thy presence flies;
Care, anguish, sorrow, melt away,
Where'er Thy healing beams arise:
O Jesus! nothing may I see,
Nothing hear, feel, or think, but Thee!
- 4 Still let Thy love point out my way!
How wondrous things Thy love hath wrought!
Still lead me, lest I go astray;
Direct my word, inspire my thought:
And if I fall, soon may I hear
Thy voice, and know that love is near.

The Christian Life—Fellowship with God.

- 5 In suffering be Thy love my peace;
In weakness be Thy love my power;
And when the storms of life shall cease,
O Jesus, in that solemn hour,
In death, as life, be Thou my Guide,
And save me, who for me hast died.

*Paul Gerhardt. 1653,
Tr. John Wesley. 1739 a.*

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L. M.

MY God! permit me not to be
A stranger to myself and Thee;
Amidst a thousand thoughts I rove,
Forgetful of my highest love.

- 2 Why should my passions mix with earth,
And thus debase my heavenly birth?
Why should I cleave to things below,
And let my God, my Saviour, go?
- 3 Call me away from flesh and sense;
Thy sovereign word can draw me thence:
I would obey the voice divine,
And all inferior joys resign.
- 4 Be earth, with all her cares, withdrawn;
Let noise and vanity be gone;
In secret silence of the mind,
My heaven, and there my God, I find.

Isaac Watts. 1709.

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7s, 6s, D.

LET me be Thine forever,
My gracious God and Lord,
May I forsake Thee never,
Nor wander from Thy Word:

The Christian Life—Fellowship with God.

Preserve me from the mazes
Of error and distrust.
And I shall sing Thy praises
Forever with the just.

2 Lord Jesus! bounteous Giver
Of light and life divine,
Thou didst my soul deliver,
To Thee I all resign;
Thou hast in mercy bought me
With blood and bitter pain,
Let me, since Thou hast sought me,
Eternal life obtain.

3 O Holy Ghost, who pourest
Sweet peace into my heart,
And all my soul restorest,
Thy comfort ne'er depart:
Let me His name confessing
Whom I in faith have known,
Receive Thy constant blessing,
And be in death Thine own.

*Nicholaus Selnecker. 1572.
Tr. Matthias Loy. 1880.*

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8s, 7s. D.

JESUS, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee;
Naked, poor, despised, forsaken,
Thou, from hence, my all shalt be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought, or hoped, or known;
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own.

The Christian Life—Fellowship with God.

- 2 Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Saviour too;
Human hearts and looks deceive me:
Thou art not, like them, untrue.
And while Thou shalt smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate, and friends forsake me;
Show Thy face and all is bright.
- 3 Man may trouble and distress me,
'T will but drive me to Thy breast;
Life with trials hard may press me,
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 't is not in grief to harm me,
While Thy love is left to me!
Oh, 't were not in joy to charm me,
Were that joy unmixed with Thee!
- 4 Take, my soul, thy full salvation;
Rise o'er sin and fear and care;
Joy to find, in every station,
Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee!
What a Father's smile is thine;
What a Saviour died to win thee;
Child of heaven, shouldst thou repine?

Henry Francis Lyte. 1824.

BLEST Jesus! when my soaring thoughts
O'er all Thy graces rove,
How is my soul in transport lost—
In wonder, joy, and love!

The Christian Life—Fellowship with God.

2 Not softest strains can charm mine ears,
Like Thy belovèd name;
Nor aught beneath the skies inspire
My heart with equal flame.

3 Where'er I look, my wondering eyes
Unnumbered blessings see;
But what is life, with all its bliss,
If once compared to Thee?

4 When nature faints, around my bed
Let Thy bright glories shine;
And death shall all his terrors lose.
In raptures so divine.

Ottiwell Heginbotham. 1794.

438 7s, 6s, D.

RISE, my soul, and stretch thy wings,
Thy better portion trace;
Rise from transitory things
Toward heaven, thy native place:
Sun and moon, and stars decay,
Time shall soon this earth remove;
Rise, my soul, and haste away
To seats prepared above.

2 Rivers to the ocean run,
Nor stay in all their course;
Fire ascending seeks the sun,—
Both speed them to their source:
So a soul that's born of God,
Pants to view His glorious face,
Upward tends to His abode,
To rest in His embrace.

The Christian Life—Fellowship with God.

- 3 Cease, ye pilgrims, cease to mourn,
Press onward to the prize;
Soon your Saviour will return
Triumphant in the skies:
But a season, and you know
Happy entrance will be given,
All your sorrows left below,
And earth exchanged for heaven.

Robert Seagrave. 1742 a.

439

L. M.

- G**REAT God, indulge my humble claim;
Be Thou my hope, my joy, my rest;
The glories that compose Thy name
Stand all engaged to make me blest.
- 2 'Thou great and good, Thou just and wise,
Thou art my Father and my God;
And I am Thine by sacred ties,
Thy child and servant, bought with blood.
- 3 With heart and eyes, and lifted hands,
For Thee I long, for Thee I look,
As travellers in thirsty lands
Pant for the cooling water-brook.
- 4 E'en life itself, without Thy love,
No lasting pleasures can afford:
Yea, 't would a tiresome burden prove,
If I were banished from Thee, Lord.
- 5 I'll lift my hands, I'll raise my voice,
While I have breath to pray or praise;
This work shall make my heart rejoice
Throughout the remnant of my days.

Isaac Watts. 1719.

The Christian Life—Fellowship with God.

440 L. M.

ON Christ, by faith, my soul would live;
From Him my life, my all receive;
To Him devote my fleeting hours;
Serve Him alone with all my powers.

2 Christ is my everlasting all;
To Him I look, on Him I call;
He will my every want supply,
In time, and through eternity.

3 Soon will the Lord, my Life, appear;
Soon shall I end my trials here;
Leave sin and sorrow, death and pain;
To live is Christ, to die is gain.

4 Soon will the saints in glory meet,
Soon walk through every golden street,
And sing on every blissful plain,
To live is Christ, to die is gain.

Joseph Hoskins, 1789.

441 C. M.

MY God, accept my heart this day,
And make it always Thine,
That I from Thee no more may stray,
No more from Thee decline.

2 Before the cross of Him who died,
Behold, I prostrate fall;
Let every sin be crucified,
Let Christ be all in all!

The Christian Life—Fellowship with God.

3 Anoint me with Thy heavenly grace,
Adopt me for Thine own;
That I may see Thy glorious face,
And worship at Thy throne.

4 Let every thought, and work, and word,
To Thee be ever given:
Then life shall be Thy service, Lord,
And death the gate of heaven.

Matthew Bridges. 1848.

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L. M.

COME. Holy Spirit, God and Lord!
Be all Thy graces now outpoured
On the believer's mind and soul,
To strengthen, save and make us whole.

2 Lord, by the brightness of Thy light,
Thou in the faith dost men unite
Of every land and every tongue:
This to Thy praise, O Lord, be sung.

3 Thou strong Defence, Thou holy Light,
Teach us to know our God aright,
And call Him Father from the heart:
The Word of life and truth impart:

4 That we may love not doctrines strange,
Nor e'er to other teachers range,
But Jesus for our Master own,
And put our trust in Him alone.

5 Thou sacred Ardor, Comfort sweet,
Help us to wait with ready feet
And willing heart at Thy command,
Nor trial fright us from Thy band.

The Christian Life—Fellowship with God.

- 6 Lord, make us ready with Thy powers,
Strengthen the flesh in weaker hours,
That as good warriors we may force
Through life and death to Thee our course!

Martin Luther. 1524.

Tr. Catherine Winkworth. 1855 a.

443 L. M.

WHEN Jesus dwelt in mortal clay,
What were His works from day to day,
But miracles of power and grace,
Which spread salvation through our race?

- 2 Teach us, O Lord, to keep in view
Thy pattern, and Thy steps pursue:
Let alms bestowed, let kindness done,
Be witnessed by each rolling sun.

- 3 For he who marks from day to day
In generous acts his radiant way,
Treads the same path the Saviour trod,
The path to glory and to God.

Thomas Gibbons. 1784.

444 C. M.

FOUNTAIN of good, to own Thy love
Our thankful hearts incline;
What can we render, Lord, to Thee,
When all the worlds are Thine?

- 2 But Thou hast needy brethren here,
Partakers of Thy grace,
Whose names Thou wilt Thyself confess
Before the Father's face.

The Christian Life—Fellowship with God.

3 And in their accents of distress
Thy pleading voice is heard;
In them Thou may'st be clothed, and fed,
And visited, and cheered.

4 Thy face with reverence and with love,
We in Thy poor would see;
Oh, may we minister to them,
And in them, Lord, to Thee.

*Philip Doddridge. 1755 (?).
Alt. Edward Osler. 1836.*

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C. M.

BLEST are the undefiled in heart,
Whose ways are right and clean,
Who never from Thy law depart,
But fly from every sin.

2 Blest are the men that keep Thy word,
And practice Thy commands;
With their whole heart they seek Thee, Lord,
And serve Thee with their hands.

3 Great is their peace who love Thy law;
How firm their souls abide!
Nor can a bold temptation draw
Their steady feet aside.

4 Then shall my heart have inward joy
And keep my face from shame,
When all Thy statutes I obey,
And honor all Thy name.

Isaac Watts. 1719.

The Christian Life—Fellowship with God.

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L. M.

JESUS, my Saviour and my God,
Thou hast redeemed me with Thy blood;
By ties, both natural and divine,
I am and ever will be Thine.

2 But ah! should this inconstant heart,
Ere I'm aware, from Thee depart,
What dire reproach would fall on me
For such ingratitude to Thee!

3 The thought I dread, the crime I hate;
The guilt, the shame, I deprecate:
And yet so mighty are my foes,
I dare not trust my warmest vows.

4 Pity my frailty, dearest Lord!
Grace in the needful hour afford:
Oh, steel this timorous heart of mine
With fortitude and love divine.

5 So shall I triumph o'er my fears,
And gather joys from all my tears;
So shall I to the world proclaim
The honors of the Christian name.

Samuel Stennett. 1787.

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C. M.

HOW happy are the young who hear
Instruction's warning voice;
And who celestial wisdom make
Their early, only choice.

The Christian Life—Fellowship with God.

- 2 For she has treasures greater far
Than east or west unfold;
And her rewards more precious are
Than all their stores of gold.
- 3 She guides the young with innocence
In pleasure's path to tread;
A crown of glory she bestows
Upon the aged head.
- 4 According as her labors rise,
So her rewards increase;
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
And all her paths are peace.

Michael Bruce? 1764 a.

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C. M.

- THERE is a house not made with hands,
Eternal and on high;
And here my spirit waiting stands,
Till God shall bid it fly.
- 2 Shortly this prison of my clay
Must be dissolved and fall,
Then, O my soul, with joy obey
Thy Heavenly Father's call.
- 3 'T is He, by His almighty grace,
That forms thee fit for heaven,
And as an earnest of the place
Has His own Spirit given.
- 4 We walk by faith of joys to come,
Faith lives upon His word;
But while the body is our home,
We're absent from the Lord.

Isaac Watts. 1709 a.

The Christian Life—Fellowship with God.

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C. M.

OH, mean may seem this house of clay—
Yet 'twas the Lord's abode;
Our feet may mourn this thorny way,
Yet here Immanuel trod.

2 This fleshly robe the Lord did wear,
This watch the Lord did keep,
These burdens sore the Lord did bear,
These tears the Lord did weep.

3 This world the Master overcame,
This death the Lord did die;
O vanquished world! O glorious shame!
O hallowed agony!

4 O vale of tears, no longer sad,
Wherein the Lord did dwell!
O holy robe of flesh, that clad
Our own Immanuel!

5 Our very frailty brings us near
Unto the Lord of heaven;
To every grief, to every tear,
Such glory strange is given.

Thomas H. Gill. 1850.

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11, 8, 12, 9.

I THINK, when I read that sweet story of old,
When Jesus was here among men,
How He called little children as lambs to His
fold,
I should like to have been with them then.

Fruit of the Spirit—Love.

- 2 I wish that His hands had been placed on my
head,
His arms had been thrown around me.
And that I might have seen His kind look when
He said,
“Let the little ones come unto me.”
- 3 Yet still to His footstool in prayer I may go;
And ask for a share in His love;
And if I thus earnestly seek Him below,
I shall see Him and hear Him above,—
- 4 In that beautiful place He is gone to prepare
For all who are washed and forgiven;
And many dear children are gathering there,
“For of such is the kingdom of heaven.”
- 5 I long for the joys of that glorious time,
The sweetest, and brightest, and best,
When the dear little children of every clime
Shall crowd to His arms and be blessed.

Jemima Thompson. 1841.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT—LOVE.

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C. M.

MY God, I love Thee—not because
I hope for heaven thereby—
Nor yet because, if I love not,
I must forever die.

- 2 For me to lowest depths of woe
Thou didst Thyself abase;
For me didst bear the cross and shame,
And manifold disgrace.

Fruit of the Spirit—Love.

3 For me didst suffer pains unknown,
Blood-sweat and agony,
Yea, death itself—all, all for me
Who was Thine enemy.

4 Then why, O blessèd Saviour mine,
Should I not love Thee well?
Not for the sake of winning heaven,
Or of escaping hell;

5 Not with the hope of gaining aught,
Not seeking a reward—
But freely, fully, as Thyself
Has lovèd me, O Lord!

6 E'en so I love Thee, and will love,
And in Thy praise will sing;
Solely because Thou art my God,
And my eternal King.

Francis Xavier. 1542.

Tr. Edward Caswall. 1848 a.

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C. M.

I LOVE the Lord; He heard my cries,
And pitied every groan;
Long as I live, when troubles rise,
I'll hasten to His throne.

2 I love the Lord; He bowed His ear,
And chased my griefs away;
Oh, let my heart no more despair,
While I have breath to pray.

Fruit of the Spirit—Love.

3 Among the saints that fill Thy house,
My offering shall be paid;
There shall my zeal perform the vows
My soul in anguish made.

4 The Lord beheld me sore distrest;
He bade my pains remove;
Return, my soul, to God, thy rest,
For thou hast known His love.

Isaac Watts. 1719.

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I LIFT my heart to Thee,
Saviour divine!
For Thou art all to me,
And I am Thine.

Is there on earth a closer bond than this,
That my Beloved's mine, and I am His?

2 Thine am I by all ties;
But chiefly Thine,
That through Thy sacrifice,
Thou, Lord, art mine.

By Thine own cords of love, so sweetly wound
Around me, I to Thee am closely bound.

3 To Thee, Thou bleeding Lamb,
I all things owe;
All that I have and am,
And all I know.

All that I have is now no longer mine,
And I am not my own; Lord, I am Thine.

Fruit of the Spirit—Joy.

- 4 How can I, Lord, withhold
Life's brightest hour
From Thee; or gathered gold,
Or any power?

Why should I keep one precious thing from Thee,
When Thou hast given Thine own dear self for me?

Charles E. Mudie. 1872.

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C. M.

HAPPY the heart where graces reign,
Where love inspires the breast:
Love is the brightest of the train,
And strengthens all the rest.

- 2 Knowledge, alas! 't is all in vain,
And all in vain our fear;
Our stubborn sins will fight and reign,
If love be absent there.

- 3 'T is love that makes our cheerful feet
In swift obedience move:
The devils know, and tremble too;
But devils do not love.

- 4 This is the grace that lives and sings
When faith and hope shall cease;
'T is this shall strike our joyful strings
In the sweet realms of bliss.

Isaac Watts. 1707.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT—JOY.

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S. M.

COME, ye that love the Lord,
And let your joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord,
Whilst ye surround the throne.

Fruit of the Spirit—Joy.

- 2 The God who rules on high,
Who all the earth surveys,
Who rides upon the stormy sky,
And calms the roaring seas:
- 3 This awful God is ours,
Our Father and our love;
He will send down His heavenly powers
To carry us above.
- 4 There shall we see His face,
And never, never sin!
There, from the rivers of His grace,
Drink endless pleasures in.
- 5 Then let our songs abound,
And every tear be dry:
We're marching through Immanuel's ground
To fairer worlds on high.

Isaac Watts. 1719 a.

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C. M.

- M**Y God, the Spring of all my joys,
The Life of my delights,
The Glory of my brightest days,
And Comfort of my nights.
- 2 In darkest shades, if He appear,
My dawning is begun;
He is my soul's bright Morning Star,
And He my rising Sun.
 - 3 The opening heavens around me shine
With beams of sacred bliss,
When Jesus shows His heart is mine,
And whispers I am His.

Fruit of the Spirit—Joy.

- 4 My soul would leave this heavy clay
At that transporting word,
Run up with joy the shining way,
T' embrace my dearest Lord.
- 5 Fearless of hell and ghastly death,
I'd break through every foe;
The wings of love and arms of faith
Should bear me conqueror through.

*Isaac Watts. 1707 a.**

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- CHILDREN of the heavenly King,
As ye journey, sweetly sing;
Sing your Saviour's worthy praise,
Glorious in His works and ways.
- 2 Ye are travelling home to God,
In the way the fathers trod;
They are happy now, and ye
Soon their happiness shall see.
- 3 O ye banished seed, be glad!
Christ our Advocate is made;
Us to save, our flesh assumes;
Brother to our souls becomes.
- 4 Shout, ye little flock, and blest;
You on Jesus' throne shall rest:—
There your seat is now prepared;
There your kingdom and reward.
- 5 Lord, submissive make us go,
Gladly leaving all below;
Only Thou our leader be,
And we still will follow Thee.

John Cennick. 1742 a.

Fruit of the Spirit—Joy.

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SOMETIMES a light surprises
The Christian while he sings;
It is the Lord, who rises
With healing in His wings;
When comforts are declining,
He grants the soul again
A season of clear shining,
To cheer it after rain.

- 2 In holy contemplation,
We sweetly then pursue
The theme of God's salvation,
And find it ever new:
Set free from present sorrow,
We cheerfully can say,
Let an unknown to-morrow
Bring with it what it may.
- 3 It can bring with it nothing
But He will bear us through;
Who gives the lilies clothing,
Will clothe His people too:
Beneath the spreading heavens
No creature but is fed;
And He who feeds the ravens
Will give His children bread.
- 4 Though neither vine nor fig-tree
Its wonted fruit should bear,
Though all the fields should wither,
Nor flocks nor herds be there;

Fruit of the Spirit—Purity.

Yet God the same abiding,
His praise shall tune my voice;
For while in Him confiding,
I cannot but rejoice.

William Cowper. 1779.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT—PURITY.

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S. M.

BLEST are the pure in heart,
For they shall see their God:
The secret of the Lord is theirs;
Their soul is Christ's abode.

2 The Lord, who left the heavens
Our life and peace to bring,
To dwell in lowliness with men,
Their pattern and their King:—

3 He to the lowly soul
Doth still Himself impart,
And for His dwelling and His throne
Chooseth the pure in heart.

4 Lord, we Thy presence seek:
May ours this blessing be;
Oh, give the pure and lowly heart,—
A temple meet for Thee.

John Keble. 1819.

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CHRISTIAN children must be holy,
Serving God from day to day;
Never is the time too early
For a Christian to obey.

Fruit of the Spirit—Humility.

- 2 He who is our great Example
Let no moment run to loss;
Not one precious hour He wasted
From the cradle to the Cross.
- 3 Soon He sorrowed, soon He suffered;
We must meek and gentle be,
Little pain and childish trial
Ever bearing patiently.
- 4 Soon He showed a Son's obedience;
We must early learn to do
Not our own will, but our Father's,
And be found obedient, too.

Anon.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT—HUMILITY.

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- L**ORD, for ever at Thy side
Let my place and portion be!
Strip me of the robe of pride,
Clothe me with humility.
- 2 Meekly may my soul receive
All Thy Spirit hath revealed.
Thou hast spoken;—I believe,
Though the prophecy were sealed.
 - 3 Quiet as a weanèd child,
Weanèd from the mother's breast;
By no subtlety beguiled,
On Thy faithful Word I rest.

Fruit of the Spirit—Humility.

- 4 Saints, rejoicing evermore,
In the Lord Jehovah trust:
Him in all His ways adore,
Wise, and wonderful, and just.

James Montgomery. 1819.

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EVER patient, gentle, meek,
Holy Saviour! was Thy mind;
Vainly in myself I seek,
Likeness to my Lord to find;
Yet, that mind which was in Thee,
May be, must be formed in me.

- 2 Days of toil, 'mid throngs of men,
Vexed not, ruffled not Thy soul;
Still, collected, calm, serene,
Thou each feeling couldst control.
Lord, that mind which was in Thee,
May be, must be formed in me.

- 3 Though such griefs were Thine to bear,
For each sufferer Thou couldst feel;
Every mourner's burden share,
Every wounded spirit heal:
Saviour! let Thy grace in me
Form that mind which was in Thee.

Charlotte Elliott. 1834.

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JESUS, cast a look on me!
Give me true simplicity;
Make me poor and keep me low,
Seeking only Thee to know.

Fruit of the Spirit—Humility.

- 2 All that feeds my busy pride,
Cast it evermore aside;
Bid my will to Thine submit,
Lay me humbly at Thy feet!
- 3 Make me like a little child,
Simple, teachable, and mild;
Seeing only in Thy light,
Walking only in Thy might!
- 4 Leaning on Thy loving breast,
Where a weary soul may rest;
Feeling well the peace of God
Flowing from Thy precious blood!

John Berridge. 1773.

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- G**ENTLE Jesus, meek and mild,
Look upon a little child;
Pity my simplicity,
Suffer me to come to Thee.
- 2 Hide me, from all evil hide,
Self, and stubbornness, and pride;
Let me live without offence;
Guard my helpless innocence.
 - 3 Loving Jesus, gentle Lamb,
In Thy gracious hands I am;
Make me, Saviour, what Thou art:
Live Thyself within my heart.
 - 4 I shall then show forth Thy praise;
Serve Thee all my happy days;
Then the world shall always see
Christ the holy Child in me.

Charles Wesley. 1767.

Fruit of the Spirit—Peace.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT—PEACE.

465 *Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?* 10s, 21.

PEACE, perfect peace, in this dark world of
sin?

The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.

2 Peace, perfect peace, by thronging duties
pressed?

To do the will of Jesus, this is rest.

3 Peace, perfect peace, with sorrows surging
round?

On Jesus' bosom naught but calm is found.

4 Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far away?
In Jesus' keeping we are safe and they.

5 Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?
Jesus we know, and He is on the throne.

6 Peace, perfect peace, death shadowing us and
ours?

Jesus has vanquished death and all its powers.

7 It is enough: earth's struggles soon shall cease?
And Jesus call us to heaven's perfect peace.

Edward H. Bickersteth. 1875.

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L. M.

FROM every stormy wind that blows,
From every swelling tide of woes,
There is a calm, a sure retreat,
'T is found beneath the mercy-seat.

Fruit of the Spirit—Peace.

- 2 There is a place where Jesus sheds
The oil of gladness on our heads,
A place than all besides more sweet;
It is the blood-stained mercy-seat.
- 3 There is a scene where spirits blend,
Where friend holds fellowship with friend;
Though sundered far, by faith they meet
Around one common mercy-seat.
- 4 Ah! whither could we flee for aid,
When tempted, desolate, dismayed;
Or how the hosts of hell defeat,
Had suffering saints no mercy-seat?

Hugh Stowell. 1827.

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L. M.

- O** LORD, how full of sweet content
Our years of pilgrimage are spent!
Where'er we dwell, we dwell with Thee,
In heaven, in earth, or on the sea.
- 2 To us remains nor place nor time;
Our country is in every clime!
We can be calm and free from care
On any shore, since God is there.
 - 3 While place we seek, or place we shun,
The soul finds happiness in none;
But with our God to guide our way,
'T is equal joy to go or stay.
 - 4 Could we be cast where Thou art not,
That were indeed a dreadful lot;
But regions none remote we call,
Secure of finding God in all.

*Jeanne M. B. Guyon. 1722.
Tr. William Cowper. 1801 a.*

Fruit of the Spirit—Peace.

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L. M.

I LOOK to Jesus, and the face
Of God is turned on me in love,
I feel a Father's fond embrace,
And all my doubts and fears remove.

2 I look to Jesus, and behold!
My heart is lightened of its cares,
My love for earthly things grows cold,
And pleasure vainly spreads her snares.

3 I look to Jesus, and the sight
Of all that He endured for me
Makes e'en my greatest sufferings light,
Compared with His deep agony.

4 I look to Jesus when my zeal
And faith and love grow dead and cold;
Then doth He Calvary reveal,
And makes me in His service bold.

5 Thus let me, Lord, while life doth last,
In faith look ever up to Thee,
And when life's sinful days are past
I shall Thy face in glory see.

Anon.

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C. M.

WHEN I can read my title clear
To mansions in the skies,
I bid farewell to every fear,
And wipe my weeping eyes.

Fruit of the Spirit—Peace.

- 2 Should earth against my soul engage
And hellish darts be hurled,
Then I can smile at Satan's rage,
And face a frowning world.
- 3 Let cares like a wild deluge come,
And storms of sorrow fall,
May I but safely reach my home,
My God, my heaven, my all.
- 4 There shall I bathe my weary soul
In seas of heavenly rest;
And not a wave of trouble roll
Across my peaceful breast.

Isaac Watts. 1709.

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S. M.

- WHAT cheering words are these!
Their sweetness who can tell?
In time and to eternity,
'T is with the righteous well.
- 2 In every state secure,
Kept by Jehovah's eye,
'T is well with them while life endures,
And well when called to die.
 - 3 'T is well when joys arise,
'T is well when sorrows flow;
'T is well when darkness veils the skies,
And strong temptations blow.
 - 4 'T is well when on the mount
They feast on dying love;
And 't is as well, in God's account,
When they the furnace prove.

Fruit of the Spirit—Peace.

5 'T is well when Jesus calls:

“From earth and sin, arise,
Join with the hosts of virgin souls,
Made to salvation wise!”

John Kent. 1808 a.

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O EYES that are weary, and hearts that are
sore!

Look off unto Jesus, now sorrow no more!
The light of His countenance shineth so bright,
That here, as in heaven, there need be no night.

2 While looking to Jesus, my heart cannot fear;
I tremble no more when I see Jesus near;
I know that His presence my safeguard will be,
For, “Why are ye troubled?” He saith unto
me.

3 Still looking to Jesus, oh, may I be found,
When Jordan's dark waters encompass me
round:
They bear me away in His presence to be:
I see Him still nearer whom always I see.

4 Then, then shall I know the full beauty and
grace
Of Jesus, my Lord, when I stand face to face;
I shall know how His love went before me each
day,
And wonder that ever my eyes turned away,

Anon. 1838.

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

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PRINCE of peace, control my will;
Bid the struggling heart be still;
Bid my fears and doubtings cease,
Hush my spirit into peace.

2 Thou hast bought me with Thy blood,
Opened wide the gate to God:
Peace I ask—but peace must be,
Lord, in being one with Thee.

3 May Thy will, not mine, be done,
May Thy will and mine be one:
Chase these doubtings from my heart:
Now Thy perfect peace impart.

4 Saviour, at Thy feet I fall;
Thou my life, my God, my all!
Let Thy happy servant be
One for evermore with Thee!

Mary A. S. Barber. 1838.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT—TRUST.

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C. M.

FATHER! whate'er of earthly bliss
Thy sovereign hand denies,
Accepted at Thy throne of grace,
Let this petition rise:

2 Give me a calm, a thankful heart,
From every murmur free;
The blessings of Thy grace impart,
And let me live to Thee.

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

- 3 Let the sweet hope that Thou art mine
My life and death attend;
Thy presence through my journey shine,
And crown my journey's end.

Anne Steele. 1760 a.

474 C. M.

- W HILE Thee I seek, protecting power!
Be my vain wishes stilled;
And may this consecrated hour
With better hopes be filled.
- 2 Thy love the powers of thought bestowed;
To Thee my thoughts would soar:
Thy mercy o'er my life has flowed;
That mercy I adore.
- 3 In each event of life, how clear
Thy ruling hand I see!
Each blessing to my soul more dear,
Because bestowed by Thee.
- 4 In every joy that crowns my days,
In every pain I bear,
My heart shall find delight in praise,
Or seek relief in prayer.
- 5 When gladness wings my favored hour,
Thy love my thoughts shall fill:
Resigned, when storms of sorrow lower,
My soul shall meet Thy will.
- 6 My lifted eye, without a tear,
The lowering storm shall see;
My steadfast heart shall know no fear:
That heart will rest on Thee!

Helen M. Williams. 1788.

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

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C. M. D.

THROUGH all the changing scenes of life,
In trouble and in joy,
The praises of my God shall still
My heart and tongue employ;
Of His deliverance I will boast,
Till all that are distress,
From my example comfort take,
And charm their griefs to rest.

- 2 O magnify the Lord with me,
With me exalt His Name!
When in distress on Him I called,
He to my rescue came;
The hosts of God encamp around
The dwellings of the just;
Deliverance He affords to all
Who on His succor trust.

- 3 O make but trial of His love:
Experience will decide
How blest are they, and only they,
Who in His truth confide;
Fear Him, ye saints, and you will then
Have nothing else to fear;
Make you His service your delight,
He'll make your wants His care.

Nicholas Brady and Nahum Tate. 1696 a.

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L. M.

THY ways, O Lord! with wise design,
Are framed upon Thy throne above,
And every dark and bending line
Meets in the centre of Thy love.

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

- 2 With feeble light, and half obscure,
Poor mortals Thine arrangements view;
Not knowing that the least are sure,
And the mysterious just and true.
- 3 Thy flock, Thine own peculiar care,
Though now they seem to roam uneyed,
Are led or driven only where
They best and safest may abide.
- 4 They neither know nor trace the way:
But while they trust Thy guardian eye,
Their feet shall ne'er to ruin stray,
Nor shall the weakest fail or die.
- 5 My favored soul shall meekly learn
To lay her reason at Thy throne;
Too weak Thy secrets to discern,
I'll trust Thee for my guide alone.

Ambrose Serle. 1786.

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C. M.

GOD moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform,
He plants His footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

- 2 Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never-failing skill,
He treasures up His bright designs,
And works His sovereign will.
- 3 Ye fearful saints! fresh courage take:
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and will break
In blessings on your head.

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

- 4 Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.
- 5 Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan His work in vain,
God is His own interpreter,
And He will make it plain.

William Couper. 1773.

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C. M.

- THY way, O God, is in the sea;
Thy paths I cannot trace,
Nor comprehend the mystery
Of Thine unbounded grace.
- 2 Here the dark veils of flesh and sense
My captive soul surround;
Mysterious deeps of providence
My wondering thoughts confound.
- 3 As through a glass, I dimly see
The wonders of Thy love,
How little do I know of Thee,
Or of the joys above!
- 4 'T is but in part I know Thy will:
I bless Thee for the sight;
When will Thy love the rest reveal
In glory's clearer light?
- 5 With rapture shall I then survey
Thy providence and grace;
And spend an everlasting day
In wonder, love and praise.

John Fawcett. 1782.

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

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8s, 4.

THROUGH good report and evil, Lord,
Still guided by Thy faithful word,—
Our staff, our buckler, and our sword,
We follow Thee.

2 With enemies on every side,
We lean on Thee, the Crucified;
Forsaking all on earth beside,
We follow Thee.

3 O Master, point Thou out the way,
Nor suffer Thou our steps to stray;
Then in that path that leads to day
We follow Thee.

4 Thou hast passed on before our face;
Thy footsteps on the way we trace;
Oh, keep us, aid us by Thy grace:
We follow Thee!

5 Whom have we in the heaven above,
Whom on this earth, save Thee, to love?
Still in Thy light we onward move;
We follow Thee!

Horatius Bonar. 1867.

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7s, 6l.

WHAT our Father does is well;
Blessed truth His children tell!
Though He send for plenty, want,
Though the harvest store be scant,
Yet we rest upon His love,
Seeking better things above.

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

- 2 What our Father does is well;
Shall the wilful heart rebel?
If a blessing He withhold
In the field, or in the fold,
Is it not Himself to be,
All our store eternally?
- 3 What our Father does is well;
May the thought within us dwell;
Though nor milk nor honey flow
In our barren Canaan now,
God can save us in our need,
God can bless us, God can feed.
- 4 Therefore unto Him we raise
Hymns of glory, songs of praise;
To the Father, and the Son,
And the Spirit, Three in One,
Honor, might, and glory be,
Now, and through eternity!

*Benjamin Schmolck. 1720.
Tr. Henry W. Baker. 1861.*

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L. M.

GOD is the refuge of His saints,
When storms of deep distress invade,
Ere we can offer our complaints,
Behold Him present with His aid.

- 2 Let mountains from their seats be hurled
Down to the deep, and buried there;
Convulsions shake the solid world:
Our faith shall never yield to fear.

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

- 3 Loud may the troubled ocean roar,
In sacred peace our souls abide;
While every nation, every shore
Trembles and dreads the swelling tide.
- 4 'Midst storms and tempests, Lord, Thy word
Does every rising fear control;
Sweet peace Thy promises afford,
And well sustain the fainting soul.

Isaac Watts. 1719 a.

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C. M.

- HOW are Thy servants blest, O Lord!
How sure is their defence!
Eternal Wisdom is their guide,
Their help Omnipotence.
- 2 Though by the dreadful tempest tossed
High on the broken wave,
They know Thou art not slow to hear,
Nor impotent to save.
- 3 The storm is laid, the winds retire,
Obedient to Thy will;
The sea, that roars at Thy command,
At Thy command is still.
- 4 In midst of dangers, fears and deaths,
Thy goodness I'll adore;
And praise Thee for Thy mercies past,
And humbly hope for more.

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

- 5 My life, while Thou preserv'st my life,
Thy sacrifice shall be;
And oh, may death, when death shall come,
Unite my soul to Thee!

Joseph Addison. 1712 a.

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C. M. 61.

FATHER, I know that all my life
Is portioned out by Thee;
The changes that will surely come
I do not fear to see:
I ask Thee for a present mind,
Intent on pleasing Thee.

- 2 I ask Thee for a thoughtful love,
Through constant watching wise,
To meet the glad with joyful smiles,
And wipe the weeping eyes;
A heart at leisure from itself,
To soothe and sympathize.
- 3 I would not have the restless will
That hurries to and fro,
That seeks for some great thing to do,
Or secret thing to know;
I would be treated as a child,
And guided where I go.
- 4 I ask Thee for the daily strength,
To none that ask denied,
A mind to blend with outward life,
While keeping at Thy side;
Content to fill a little space,
If Thou be glorified.

Anna L. Waring. 1850 a.

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

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S. M.

GIVE to the winds thy fears;
Hope, and be undismayed:
God hears thy sighs, and counts thy tears,
God shall lift up thy head.

2 Through waves and clouds and storms
He gently clears thy way;
Wait thou His time, so shall this night
Soon end in joyous day.

3 Still heavy is thy heart?
Still sink thy spirits down?
Cast off the weight, let fear depart,
And every care be gone.

4 What though thou rulest not?
Yet heaven, and earth, and hell
Proclaim, God sitteth on the throne,
And ruleth all things well.

5 Thou seest our weakness, Lord,
Our hearts are known to Thee:
O lift Thou up the sinking hand,
Confirm the feeble knee!

6 Let us in life, in death,
Thy steadfast truth declare;
And publish, with our latest breath,
Thy love and guardian care.

*Paul Gerhardt. 1659.
Tr. John Wesley. 1739.*

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

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IF thou but suffer God to guide thee,
And hope in Him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength whate'er betide thee,
And bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the Rock that cannot move.

2 Only be still, and wait His leisure
In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure
And all-deserving love hath sent;
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known
To Him who chose us for His own.

3 Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving;
So do thine own part faithfully,
And trust His word; though undeserving,
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee:
God never yet forsook at need
The soul that trusted Him indeed.

George Neumark. 1657.

Tr. Catherine Winkworth. 1863.

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H. M.

THE Lord Jehovah lives,
And blessed be my Rock!
Though earth her bosom heaves
And mountains feel the shock,
Though oceans rage and torrents roar,
He is the same forever more.

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

2 The Lord Jehovah lives;
The dying sinner's Friend;
How freely He forgives
The follies that offend!
He wipes the penitential tear,
Bids faith and hope the spirit cheer.

3 The Lord Jehovah lives
To hear and answer prayer;
Whoe'er in Him believes
And trusts His guardian care,
A Father's tender love shall know,
Whence living streams of comfort flow.

Thomas Hastings. 1846.

487

L. M.

THERE'S not a bird with lonely nest,
In pathless wood or mountain crest,
Nor meaner thing, which does not share,
O God, in Thy paternal care.

2 Each barren crag, each desert rude,
Holds Thee within its solitude;
And Thou dost bless the wanderer there,
Who makes his solitary prayer.

3 In busy mart or crowded street,
No less than in the still retreat,
Thou, Lord, art near, our souls to bless
With all a parent's tenderness!

4 And every moment still doth bring
Thy blessings on its loaded wing;
Widely they spread through earth and sky,
And last through all eternity!

Anon.

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

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H. M.

TO God I lift mine eyes,
From Him is all mine aid;
The God who built the skies,
And earth's foundations laid.
God is the tower
To which I fly:
His grace is nigh
In every hour.

2 My feet shall never slide
Or fall in fatal snares;
Since God, my guard and guide,
Defends me from my fears.
Those wakeful eyes
That never sleep,
His children keep
When dangers rise.

3 No burning heats by day,
Nor blasts of evening air,
Shall take my health away,
If God be with me there.
Thou art my sun,
And Thou my shade,
To guard my head
By night or noon.

John Bowdler. 1816.

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C. M.

O GOD of Jacob, by whose hand
Thy people still are fed;
Who, through this weary pilgrimage,
Hast all our fathers led!

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

- 2 To Thee our humble vows we raise,
To Thee address our prayer;
And in Thy kind and faithful breast
Deposit all our care.
- 3 Through each perplexing path of life
Our wandering footsteps guide;
Give us each day our daily bread,
And raiment fit provide.
- 4 Oh, spread Thy covering wings around,
Till all our wanderings cease,
And at our Father's loved abode
Our souls arrive in peace!
- 5 To Thee, as to our covenant God,
We'll our whole selves resign;
And thankful own that all we are,
And all we have, is Thine.

Philip Doddridge. 1755 a.

490

8s, 7s.

THE King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never,
I nothing lack if I am His,
And He is mine for ever.

- 2 Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight,
Thy unction grace bestoweth,
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth.
- 6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never,
Good Shepherd! may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house for ever.

Henry W. Baker. 1868.

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7s.

JESUS loves me! this I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak, but He is strong.

REFRAIN.—Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so.

- 2 Jesus loves me! He who died,
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.
- 3 Jesus loves me! loves me still,
Though I'm very weak and ill;
From His shining throne on high,
Comes to watch me where I lie.

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

- 4 Jesus loves me! He will stay
Close beside me all the way;
If I love Him, when I die
He will take me home on high.

Anna B. Warner. 1859.

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C. M.

THOU art my hiding-place, O Lord!
In Thee I put my trust,
Encouraged by Thy holy word,
A feeble child of dust.

- 2 I have no argument beside,
I urge no other plea;
And 't is enough the Saviour died,
The Saviour died for me.
- 3 When storms of fierce temptation beat,
And furious foes assail,
My refuge is the mercy-seat,
My hope within the vail.
- 4 And when Thy sovereign will commands
This body to decay,
And life, in its last lingering sands,
Is ebbing fast away;—
- 5 Then, though it be in accents weak,
My voice shall call on Thee,
And ask for strength in death to speak,
“My Saviour died for me.”

Thomas Raffles. 1843.

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

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11, 8, 11, 9.

WHEN peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows, like sea-billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

CHORUS.—It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials
should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

3 My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought—
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, oh, my soul.

4 And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall
be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall
descend,
“Even so”—it is well with my soul.

Horatio G. Spafford. 1874.

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L. M.

JUST as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

- 2 Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose Blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
- 4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
- 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
- 6 Just as I am; Thy Love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Charlotte Elliott. 1836 a.

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L. M.

MY spirit looks to God alone;
My rock and refuge is His throne:
In all my fears, in all my straits,
My soul on His salvation waits.

- 2 Trust Him, ye saints, in all your ways,
Pour out your hearts before His face:
When helpers fail and foes invade,
God is our all-sufficient Aid.

Isaac Watts. 1719.

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

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C. P. M.

0 THOU that hear'st the prayer of faith,
Wilt Thou not save a soul from death,
That casts itself on Thee?
I have no refuge of my own,
But fly to what my Lord hath done
And suffered once for me.

2 Slain in the guilty sinner's stead,
His spotless Righteousness I plead,
And His availing Blood;
That Righteousness my robe shall be,
That Merit shall atone for me,
And bring me near to God.

3 Then save me from eternal death,
The Spirit of adoption breathe,
His consolations send;
By Him some word of life impart,
And sweetly whisper to my heart,
“Thy Maker is thy Friend.”

Augustus M. Toplady. 1759.

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8s, 4.

M Y God, my Father! while I stray
Far from my home, on life's rough way,
Oh, teach me from my heart to say,
“Thy will be done!”

2 What though in lonely grief I sigh
For friends beloved no longer nigh;
Submissive still would I reply,
“Thy will be done!”

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust. .

- 3 If but my fainting heart be blest
With Thy sweet Spirit for its guest,
My God, to Thee I leave the rest;
“Thy will be done!”
- 4 Renew my will from day to day;
Blend it with Thine, and take away
Whate’er now makes it hard to say,
“Thy will be done!”
- 5 Then when on earth I breathe no more,
The prayer oft mixed with tears before,
I’ll sing upon a happier shore:
“Thy will be done!”

Charlotte Elliott. 1834 a.

498

C. M.

- WE journey through a vale of tears,
By many a cloud o’ercast;
And worldly cares, and worldly fears,
Go with us to the last.
- 2 Not to the last! Thy word hath said,
Could we but read aright,—
Poor pilgrim, lift in hope thy head;
At eve it shall be light!
- 3 Only believe, in living faith,
His love and power divine;
And ere thy sun shall set in death,
His light shall round thee shine.
- 4 When tempest-clouds are dark on high,
His bow of love and peace
Shines sweetly in the vaulted sky,—
A pledge that storms shall cease.

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

- 5 Hold on thy way, with hope unchilled,
By faith and not by sight,
And thou shalt own His word fulfilled,—
At eve it shall be light.

Bernard Barton. 1853.

499

7s, 6s, D.

- I LAY my sins on Jesus,
The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all, and frees us
From the accursèd load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus,
To wash my crimson stains
White in His blood most precious,
Till not a stain remains.
- 2 I lay my wants on Jesus;
All fulness dwells in Him:
He heals all my diseases,
He doth my soul redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus,
My burdens and my cares:
He from them all releases,
He all my sorrows shares.
- 3 I long to be like Jesus,
Meek, loving, lowly, mild:
I long to be like Jesus,
The Father's holy child.
I long to be with Jesus,
Amid the heavenly throng,
To sing with saints His praises,
To learn the angels' song.

Horatius Bonar. 1845 a.

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

500

7s, 6l.

CHIEF of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me;
Died that I might live on high,
Died that I might never die;
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His and He is mine.

2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love!
Higher than the heavens above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity;
Love that found me,—wondrous thought!—
Found me when I sought Him not!

3 Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known,
All my sorrows are His own;
Safe with Him from earthly strife,
He sustains my hidden life.

William McComb. 1864.

501

6s, D.

MY Jesus, as Thou wilt!
Oh, may Thy will be mine!
Into Thy hand of love
I would my all resign.
Through sorrow or through joy
Conduct me as Thine own,
And help me still to say,
My Lord, Thy will be done!

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

2 My Jesus, as Thou wilt!
Though seen through many a tear,
Let not my star of hope
Grow dim or disappear:
Since Thou on earth hast wept
And sorrowed oft alone,
If I must weep with Thee,
My Lord, Thy will be done!

3 My Jesus, as Thou wilt!
All shall be well for me:
Each changing future scene
I gladly trust with Thee:
Thus to my home above
I travel calmly on,
And sing, in life or death,
My Lord, Thy will be done!

*Benjamin Schmolck. 1704.
Tr. Jane Borthwick. 1864 a.*

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I HEAR a sweet voice ringing clear,
All is well!
It is my Father's voice I hear;
All is well!
Where'er I walk that voice is heard:
It is my God, my Father's word,
"Fear not, but trust: I am the Lord:"
All is well!

2 Clouds cannot long obscure my sight;
All is well!
I know there is a land of light;
All is well!

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

From strength to strength, from day to day,
I tread along the world's highway;
Or often stop to sing or say,
All is well!

3 In morning hours, serene and bright,
All is well!

In evening hours or darkening night,
All is well!

And when to Jordan's side I come,
'Midst chilling waves and raging foam,
Oh, let me sing as I go home,
All is well!

Edwin Paxton Hood. 1862.

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6s, D.

THY way, not mine, O Lord,
However dark it be!
Lead me by Thine own hand;
Choose out the path for me.
I dare not choose my lot:
I would not, if I might;
Choose Thou for me, my God,
So shall I walk aright.

2 Smooth let it be or rough,
It still will be the best;
Winding or straight, it leads
Right onward to Thy rest.
The kingdom that I seek
Is Thine: so let the way
That leads to it be Thine,
Else I must surely stray.

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

- 3 Choose Thou for me my friends,
My sickness or my health;
Choose Thou my cares for me,
My poverty or wealth.
Not mine, not mine the choice,
In things or great or small;
Be Thou my Guide, my Strength,
My Wisdom, and my All.

Horatius Bonar. 1857.

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S. M.

SINCE Jesus is my friend,
And I to Him belong,
It matters not what foes intend,
However fierce and strong.

- 2 He whispers in my breast
Sweet words of holy cheer,
How they who seek in God their rest
Shall ever find Him near;—
- 3 How God hath built above
A city fair and new,
Where eye and heart shall see and prove
What faith has counted true.
- 4 My heart for gladness springs;
It cannot more be sad;
For very joy it smiles and sings,—
Sees naught but sunshine glad.
- 5 The sun that lights mine eyes
Is Christ, the Lord I love;
I sing for joy of that which lies
Stored up for me above.

Paulus Gerhardt. 1656.

Tr. Catherine Winkworth. 1855 a.

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

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C. M.

O LORD, my best desire fulfil,
And help me to resign
Life, health, and comfort to Thy will,
And make Thy pleasure mine.

2 Why should I shrink at Thy command,
Whose love forbids my fears?
Or tremble at the gracious hand
That wipes away my tears?

3 No, rather let me freely yield
What most I prize to Thee,
Who never hast a good withheld,
Nor wilt withhold from me.

4 Thy favor, all my journey through,
Thou art engaged to grant;
What else I want, or think I do,
'T is better still to want.

William Couper. 1779.

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S. M.

OUR times are in Thy hand:
O God, we wish them there;
Our life, our friends, our souls we leave
Entirely to Thy care.

2 Our times are in Thy hand,
Whatever they may be,
Pleasing or painful, dark or bright,
As best may seem to Thee.

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

- 3 Our times are in Thy hand,
Why should we doubt or fear?
A Father's hand will never cause
His child a needless tear.
- 4 Our times are in Thy hand,
Jesus, the Crucified;
The hand our many sins have pierced,
Is now our guard and guide.
- 5 Our times are in Thy hand:
We'll always trust on Thee,
Till we have left the weary land,
And all Thy glory see.

William F. Lloyd. 1835 a.

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L. M.

- 'T IS by the faith of joys to come
We walk through deserts dark as night;
Till we arrive at heaven our home,
Faith is our guide, and faith our light.
- 2 The want of sight she well supplies;
She makes the pearly gates appear;
Far into distant worlds she pries,
And brings eternal glories near.
- 3 Cheerful we tread the desert through,
While faith inspires a heavenly ray,
Though lions roar, and tempests blow,
And rocks and dangers fill the way.
- 4 So Abra'm, by divine command,
Left his own house to walk with God;
His faith beheld the promised land,
And cheered him on his toilsome road.

Isaac Watts. 1709 a.

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

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S. M.

MY spirit on Thy care;
Blest Saviour, I recline;
Thou wilt not leave me to despair,
For Thou art Love divine.

2 In Thee I place my trust,
On Thee I calmly rest;
I know Thee good, I know Thee just,
And count Thy choice the best.

3 Whate'er events betide,
Thy will they all perform;
Safe in Thy breast my head I hide,
Nor fear the coming storm.

4 Let good or ill befall,
It must be good for me;
Secure of having Thee in all,
Of having all in Thee.

Henry Francis Lyte. 1834.

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HOW firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
Who unto the Saviour for refuge have fled?

2 "In every condition—in sickness, in health,
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth,
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea,
As thy days may demand, so thy succor shall be.

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

- 3 "Fear not, I am with thee; oh, be not dismayed;
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee
to stand
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall
lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.
- 5 "E'en down to old age, all My people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs shall their temples
adorn
Like lambs they shall still in My bosom be
borne.
- 6 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I cannot desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to
shake,
I'll never—no, never—no, never forsake!"

"K," in *Rippon's Selection*. 1787.

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H. M.

J EHOVAH is our strength,
And He shall be our song;
We shall o'ercome at length,
Although our foes be strong;
In vain doth Satan then oppose,
The Lord is stronger than His foes.

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

- 2 The Lord our refuge is,
And ever will remain;
Since He hath made us His,
He will our cause maintain:
In vain our enemies oppose,
For God is stronger than His foes.
- 3 The Lord our portion is,
What can we wish for more?
As long as we are His,
We never can be poor:
In vain do earth and hell oppose,
For God is stronger than His foes.
- 4 The Lord our Shepherd is,
He knows our every need;
And since we now are His,
His care our souls will feed:
In vain do sin and death oppose,
For God is stronger than His foes.
- 5 Our God our Father is,
Our names are on His heart;
We ever shall be His,
He ne'er from us will part:
In vain the world and flesh oppose,
For God is stronger than His foes.

Anon.

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C. M.

DEAR Refuge of my weary soul,
On Thee, when sorrows rise,
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll,
My fainting hope relies.

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

- 2 To Thee I tell each rising grief,
For Thou alone canst heal;
Thy word can bring a sweet relief
For every pain I feel.
- 3 But, oh, when gloomy doubts prevail,
I fear to call Thee mine;
The springs of comfort seem to fail,
And all my hopes decline.
- 4 Yet, gracious God, where shall I flee?
Thou art my only trust;
And still my soul would cleave to Thee,
Though prostrate in the dust.

Anne Steele. 1760.

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and through all the night will L. M.

- C**OURAGE, my soul! while God is near,
What enemy hast thou to fear?
How canst thou want a sure defence
Whose refuge is Omnipotence?
- 2 Though thickest dangers crowd my way,
My God can chase my fears away;
My steadfast heart on Him relies,
And all those dangers still defies.
- 3 Though billows after billows roll
To overwhelm my sinking soul,
Firm as a rock my faith shall stand
Upheld by God's almighty hand.
- 4 In life His presence is my aid;
In death 't will guide me through the shade,
Chase all my rising fears away,
And turn my darkness into day.

Anon.

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

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C. M.

LORD, it belongs not to my care
Whether I die or live;
To love and serve Thee is my share,
And this Thy grace must give.

2 If life be long, I will be glad
That I may long obey;
If short, yet why should I be sad
To soar to endless day?

3 Christ leads me through no darker rooms
Than He went through before;
No one into His kingdom comes,
But through His opened door.

4 Come, Lord, when grace has made me meet
Thy blessèd face to see;
For if Thy work on earth be sweet,
What will Thy glory be!

Richard Baxter. 1681 a.

514

C. M.

AND art Thou with us, gracious Lord,
To dissipate our fear?
Dost thou proclaim Thyself our God,
Our God for ever near?

2 Doth Thy right hand, which formed the earth,
And bears up all the skies,
Stretch from on high its friendly aid,
When dangers round us rise?

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

- 3 And wilt Thou lead our weary souls
To that delightful scene,
Where rivers of salvation flow
Through pastures ever green ?
- 4 On Thy support our souls shall lean,
And banish every care;
The gloomy vale of death shall smile,
If God be with us there.

Philip Doddridge. 1755.

515

L. M.

GOD of my life, whose gracious power
Through various deaths my soul hath led,
Or turned aside the fatal hour,
Or lifted up my sinking head!

- 2 In all my ways Thy hand I own,
Thy ruling providence I see;
Assist me still my course to run,
And still direct my paths to Thee.
- 3 I have no skill the snare to shun,
But Thou, O Christ, my Wisdom art:
I ever into ruin run,
But Thou art greater than my heart.
- 4 Foolish, and impotent, and blind,
Lead me a way I have not known;
Bring me where I my heaven may find,
The heaven of loving Thee alone.
- 5 Enlarge my heart to make Thee room;
Enter, and in me ever stay:
The crooked then shall straight become,
The darkness shall be lost in day.

Charles Wesley. 1740.

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

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S. M.

COMMIT thou all thy griefs
And ways into His hands,
To His sure truth and tender care,
Who earth and heaven commands.

2 Who points the clouds their course,
Whom winds and seas obey,
He shall direct thy wandering feet,
He shall prepare thy way.

3 Put thou thy trust in God;
In duty's path go on;
Fix on His word thy steadfast eye;
So shall thy work be done.

4 No profit canst thou gain
By self-consuming care;
To Him commend thy cause; His ear
Attends thy softest prayer.

5 Leave to His sovereign sway
To choose and to command;
So shalt thou wondering own, His sway
How wise, how strong His hand.

*Paul Gerhardt. 1656.
Tr. John Wesley. 1739 a.*

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C. M.

I'M not ashamed to own my Lord,
Or to defend His cause,
Maintain the honor of His word,
The glory of His cross.

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

- 2 Jesus, my God!—I know His name—
His name is all my trust;
Nor will He put my soul to shame,
Nor let my hope be lost.
- 3 Firm as His throne His promise stands,
And He can well secure
What I've committed to His hands,
Till the decisive hour.
- 4 Then will He own my worthless name
Before His Father's face,
And in the new Jerusalem
Appoint my soul a place.

Isaac Watts. 1709.

518

C. M.

- OUR God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!
- 2 Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.
- 4 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

- 5 Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home!

Isaac Watts. 1719 a.

519

C. M.

GOD, my supporter and my hope,
My help for ever near,
Thine arm of mercy holds me up,
And saves me from despair.

- 2 Thy counsels, Lord, shall guide my feet
Through this dark wilderness;
Thy hand conduct me near Thy seat,
To dwell before Thy face.

- 3 Were I in heaven without my God,
'T would be no joy to me,
And while this earth is my abode,
I long for none but Thee.

- 4 What if the springs of life were broke,
And flesh and heart should faint?
God is my soul's eternal rock,
The strength of every saint.

Isaac Watts. 1719 a.

520

C. M.

WHEN, wounded sore the stricken soul
Lies bleeding and unbound,
One only hand, a piercèd hand,
Can heal the sinner's wound.

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

- 2 When sorrow swells the laden breast,
And tears of anguish flow.
One only heart, a broken heart,
Can feel the sinner's woe.
- 3 When penitence has wept in vain
Over some foul, dark spot,
One only stream, a stream of blood,
Can wash away the blot.
- 4 'T is Jesus' blood that washes white,
His hand that brings relief;
His heart that's touched with all our joys,
And feeleth for our grief.
- 5 Lift up Thy bleeding hand, O Lord!
Unseal that cleansing tide;
We have no shelter from our sin,
But in Thy wounded side.

Cecil F. Alexander. 1858.

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S. M.

BELoved, "It is well!"
God's ways are always right;
And perfect love is o'er them all,
Though far above our sight.

- 2 Belovèd, "It is well!"
Though deep and sore the smart,
The hand that wounds knows how to bind
And heal the broken heart.

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

3 Belovèd, “It is well!”

Though sorrow clouds our way,
’T will only make the joy more dear
That ushers in the day.

4 Belovèd, “It is well!”

The path that Jesus trod,
Though rough and strait and dark it be,
Leads home to heaven and God.

George W. Doane. 1833.

522

S. M.

MY Father! cheering name!
Oh, may I call Thee mine?
Give me with humble hope to claim
A portion so divine.

2 This can my fears control,
And bid my sorrows fly;
What real harm can reach my soul
Beneath my Father’s eye?

3 Whate’er Thy will denies,
I calmly would resign;
For Thou art just, and good, and wise:
Oh, bend my will to Thine!

4 Whate’er Thy will ordains,
Oh, give me strength to bear;
Still let me know a Father reigns,
And trust a Father’s care.

5 Thy ways are little known
To my weak, erring sight;
Yet shall my soul, believing, own
That all Thy ways are right.

Anon.

Fruit of the Spirit—Trust.

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L. M.

GOD of my life, to Thee I call!
Afflicted at Thy feet I fall;
When the great water-floods prevail,
Leave not my trembling heart to fail.

2 Friend of the friendless and the faint!
Where should I lodge my deep complaint?
Where but with Thee, whose open door
Invites the helpless and the poor!

3 Did ever mourner plead with Thee,
And Thou refuse that mourner's plea?
Does not Thy word still fixed remain,
That none shall seek Thy face in vain!

4 Poor though I am—despised, forgot,
Yet God, my God, forgets me not;
And he is safe, and must succeed,
For whom the Lord vouchsafes to plead.
William Cowper. 1779.

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I N the hour of trial,
Jesus, plead for me;
Lest by base denial,
I depart from Thee;
When Thou see'st me waver,
With a look recall,
Nor for fear or favor
Suffer me to fall.

Service and Conflict.

- 2 Should Thy mercy send me
Sorrow, toil, and woe;
Or should pain attend me
On my path below;
Grant that I may never
Fail Thy hand to see;
Grant that I may ever
Cast my care on Thee.
- 3 When my last hour cometh,
Fraught with strife and pain,
When my dust returneth
To the dust again;
On Thy truth relying
Through that mortal strife,
Jesus, take me, dying,
To eternal life.

James Montgomery. 1834.

SERVICE AND CONFLICT.

525

C. M.

- M**UST Jesus bear the cross alone,
And all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for every one,
And there's a cross for me.
- 2 How happy are the saints above,
Who once went sorrowing here;
But now they taste unmingled love,
And joy without a tear.
- 3 The consecrated cross I'll bear,
Till death shall set me free,
And then go home my crown to wear,
For there's a crown for me.

Service and Conflict.

- 4 Upon the crystal pavement, down
At Jesus' piercèd feet,
Joyful I'll cast my golden crown,
And His dear name repeat.

*Thomas Shepherd. 1693.
Anon. alt. 1846.*

526 L. M.

- SO let our lips and lives express
The holy gospel we profess;
So let our works and virtues shine,
To prove the doctrine all divine!
- 2 Thus shall we best proclaim abroad
The honors of our Saviour God,
When the salvation reigns within,
And grace subdues the power of sin.
- 3 Our flesh and sense must be denied,
Passion and envy, lust and pride;
While justice, temperance, truth and love
Our inward piety approve.
- 4 Religion bears our spirits up,
While we expect that blessèd hope,
The bright appearance of the Lord,
And faith stands leaning on His word.

Isaac Watts. 1779.

527 S. M.

- A CHARGE to keep I have,
A God to glorify;
A never dying soul to save,
And fit it for the sky.

Service and Conflict.

- 2 To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfil;
Oh, may it all my powers engage
To do my Master's will.
- 3 Arm me with jealous care,
As in Thy sight to live;
And oh! Thy servant, Lord, prepare,
A strict account to give.
- 4 Help me to watch and pray,
And on Thyself rely,
Assured, if I my trust betray,
I shall forever die.

Charles Wesley. 1762.

528

S. M. D.

IF God be on my side,
Then let who will oppose,
For oft ere now to Him I cried,
And He hath quelled my foes.
If Jesus be my Friend,
If God doth love me well,
What matters all my foes intend,
Though strong they be and fell?

REFRAIN.—If God be on my side,
If Jesus be my Friend,
I'm sure He always will provide,
And guide me to the end.

- 2 Here I can firmly rest,
I dare to boast of this
That God the Highest and the Best
My Friend and Father is.

Service and Conflict.

From dangerous snares He saves
Where'er He bids me go,
He checks the storms and calms the waves,
Nor lets aught work me woe.

- 3 I rest upon the ground
Of Jesus and His blood,
For 'tis through Him that I have found
The True Eternal Good.
Nought have I of my own,
Nought in the life I lead,
What Christ hath given me, that alone
Is worth all love indeed.

Paul Gerhardt. 1656.

Tr. Catherine Winkworth. 1855.

529

6s, 4s.

SAVIOUR, Thy dying love
Thou gavest me:
Nor should I aught withhold,
Dear Lord, from Thee:
In love my soul would bow,
My heart fulfill its vow,
Some offering bring Thee now,
Something for Thee.

- 2 O'er the blest mercy-seat,
Pleading for me,
My feeble faith looks up,
Jesus, to Thee:
Help me the cross to bear,
Thy wondrous love declare,
Some song to raise, or prayer,
Something for Thee.

Service and Conflict.

3 Give me a faithful heart—
 Likeness to Thee,
That each departing day
 Henceforth may see
Some work of love begun,
Some deed of kindness done,
Some wanderer sought and won,
 Something for Thee.

4 All that I am and have—
 Thy gift so free—
In joy, in grief, through life,
 Dear Lord, for Thee:
And when Thy face I see,
My ransomed soul shall be,
Through all eternity,
 Something for Thee.

Sylvanus D. Phelps. 1856.

530

C. M. D.

THE Son of God goes forth to war,
 A kingly crown to gain;
His blood-red banner streams afar:
 Who follows in His train?
Who best can drink His cup of woe,
 Triumphant over pain,
Who patient bears His cross below—
 He follows in His train.

2 The martyr first, whose eagle eye
 Could pierce beyond the grave,
Who saw His Master in the sky,
 And called on Him to save:

Service and Conflict.

Like Him, with pardon on his tongue,
In midst of mortal pain,
He prayed for them that did the wrong:
Who follows in his train?

- 3 A glorious band, the chosen few,
On whom the Spirit came:
Twelve valiant saints, their hope they knew,
And mocked the cross and flame.
They climbed the dizzy steep to heaven
Through peril, toil, and pain:
O God! to us may grace be given
To follow in their train!

Reginald Heber. 1827.

531

7s, 6s, D.

STAND up!—stand up for Jesus!
Ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high His royal banner,
It must not suffer loss:
From victory unto victory
His army shall He lead,
Till every foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.

- 2 Stand up!—stand up for Jesus!
The trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict,
In this His glorious day:
“Ye that are men, now serve Him,”
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger,
And strength to strength oppose.

Service and Conflict.

3 Stand up!—stand up for Jesus!
Stand in His strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you—
Ye dare not trust your own:
Put on the gospel armor,
And, watching unto prayer,
Where duty calls, or danger,
Be never wanting there.

4 Stand up!—stand up for Jesus!
The strife will not be long;
This day, the noise of battle,
The next, the victor's song;
To him that overcometh
A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally!

George Duffield. 1868.

532

P. M.

OH, Christians! leagued together,
To battle for the right,
Arise and don your armor,
Put the foe to flight,
We've given our allegiance,
To serve without surcease
The mighty Lord of Armies
And gentle Prince of Peace.

REFRAIN.—All hail, our glorious Saviour,
Our lives for Thee make bold,
Beneath our Luther ensign,
Black, red, white, blue and gold.

Service and Conflict.

- 2 Then onward be the war-cry
And onward still, so long
As we have self to conquer,
Souls to cheer with song.
Let sound the martial music,
Ring out the bugle call
To rally for the conflict
Our people one and all!
- 3 We proudly bear as banner
A cross within the heart
To show that we have chosen
Christ, the better part.
Then joy and peace and comfort
Shall blossom as a rose
Until our earthly blessings
The worth of heaven disclose.

Lillian Weaver, Cassaday. 1893.

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JESUS, still lead on,
Till our rest be won;
And, although the way be cheerless,
We will follow calm and fearless;
Guide us by Thy hand
To our Fatherland.

- 2 If the way be drear,
If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fear o'ertake us,
Let not faith and hope forsake us;
For, through many a foe,
To our home we go.

Service and Conflict.

3 When we seek relief
From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come, alluring,
Make us patient and enduring,
Show us that bright shore,
Where we weep no more.

4 Jesus, still lead on,
Till our rest be won;
Heavenly Leader, still direct us,
Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand
In our Fatherland.

*Nicholaus L. Zinzendorf.
Tr. Jane Borthwick. 1854.*

534

S. M.

SOLDIERS of Christ, arise,
And gird your armor on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies
Through His eternal Son.

2 Strong in the Lord of hosts,
And in His mighty power,
The man who in the Saviour trusts
Is more than conqueror.

3 Stand, then, in His great might,
With all His strength endued,
And take, to arm you for the fight,
The panoply of God:—

4 That, having all things done,
And all your conflicts past,
You may o'ercome through Christ alone,
And stand complete at last.

Charles Wesley. 1749 a.

Service and Conflict.

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C. M.

A WAKE, my soul; stretch every nerve,
And press with vigor on;
A heav'nly race demands thy zeal,
And an immortal crown.

2 A cloud of witnesses around
Hold thee in full survey;
Forget the steps already trod,
And onward urge thy way.

3 'T is God's all-animating voice
That calls thee from on high;
'T is His own hand presents the prize
To thine uplifted eye;—

4 That prize, with peerless glories bright,
Which shall new lustre boast,
When victors' wreaths and monarchs' gems
Shall blend in common dust.

Philip Doddridge. 1755.

536

S. M.

EQUIP me for the war,
And teach my hands to fight;
My simple, upright heart prepare,
And guide my words aright.

2 Control my every thought;
And all my sins remove;
Let all my works in Thee be wrought,
Let all be wrought in love.

Service and Conflict.

3 Oh, arm me with the mind,
 Meek Lamb, that was in Thee!
And let enlightened zeal be joined
 With perfect charity.

4 Oh, may I love like Thee!
 In all Thy footsteps tread;
Thou hatest all iniquity,
 But nothing Thou hast made.

5 Oh, may I learn the art,
 With meekness to reprove!
And hate the sin with all my heart,
 But still the sinner love.

Charles Wesley. 1741 a.

537

P. M.

SEMI-CHORUS:—

We march, we march to victory,
 With the cross of the Lord before us,
With His loving eye looking down from the sky,
 And His holy arm spread o'er us.

WE come in the might of the Lord of light,
 With armor bright to meet Him;
And we put to flight the armies of night
 That the sons of the day may greet Him.

2 Our sword is the Spirit of God on high,
 Our helmet His salvation;
Our banner the cross of Calvary,
 Our watchword—the Incarnation.

Service and Conflict.

- 3 And the choir of angels with song awaits
Our march to the golden Zion;
For our Captain has broken the brazen gates,
And burst the bars of iron.

Gerard Moultrie. 1865.

538

S. M.

- M**Y soul, be on thy guard;
Ten thousand foes arise;
The hosts of sin are pressing hard
To draw thee from the skies.
- 2 Oh, watch, and fight, and pray;
The battle ne'er give o'er;
Renew it boldly every day,
And help divine implore.
- 3 Ne'er think the victory won,
Nor lay thine armor down;
Thine arduous work will not be done
Till thou obtain thy crown.
- 4 Fight on, my soul, till death
Shall bring thee to thy God;
He'll take thee, at thy parting breath,
To His divine abode.

George Heath. 1781.

539

C. M.

- A**M I a soldier of the cross,
A follower of the Lamb?
And shall I fear to own His cause,
Or blush to speak His name?

Service and Conflict.

- 2 Must I be carried to the skies
On flowery beds of ease,
While others fought to win the prize,
And sailed through bloody seas?
- 3 Are there no foes for me to face?
Must I not stem the flood?
Is this vile world a friend to grace,
To help me on to God?
- 4 Sure I must fight, if I would reign;
Increase my courage, Lord!
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain,
Supported by Thy word.
- 5 Thy saints, in all this glorious war,
Shall conquer, though they die;
They see the triumph from afar,
By faith they bring it nigh.
- 6 When that illustrious day shall rise,
And all Thine armies shine
In robes of vict'ry through the skies,
The glory shall be Thine.

Isaac Watts. 1709 a.

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7, 6, 7, 5, D.

WORK, for the night is coming;
Work, through the morning hours;
Work, while the dew is sparkling;
Work, 'mid springing flowers;
Work, when the day grows brighter,
Work, in the glowing sun;
Work, for the night is coming,
When man's work is done.

Service and Conflict.

- 2 Work, for the night is coming,
Work through the sunny noon;
Fill brightest hours with labor,
Rest comes sure and soon.
Give every flying minute
Something to keep in store;
Work, for the night is coming,
When man works no more.
- 3 Work, for the night is coming,
Under the sunset skies;
While their bright tints are glowing,
Work, for daylight flies.
Work till the last beam fadeth,
Fadeth to shine no more;
Work, while the night is darkening,
When man's work is o'er.

Anna L. (Walker) Coghill. 1860.

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6s, 5s, D.

ONWARD, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.
Christ, the royal Master,
Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle,
See, His banners go.

REFRAIN.—Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.

Service and Conflict.

2 Like a mighty army,
 Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
 Where the saints have trod;
We are not divided,
 All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine,
 One in charity.

3 Crowns and thrones may perish
 Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus
 Constant will remain;
Gates of hell can never
 'Gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise,
 And that cannot fail.

4 Onward, then, ye people,
 Join our happy throng;
Blend with ours your voices
 In the triumph-song;
Glory, laud, and honor,
 Unto Christ the King;
This through countless ages,
 Men and angels sing.

Sabine Baring-Gould. 1865.

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FORWARD! be our watchword,
 Steps and voices joined;
Seek the things before us,
 Not a look behind.

Service and Conflict.

Burns the fiery pillar
At our army's head:
Who shall dream of shrinking,
By our Captain led?
Forward through the desert,
Through the toil and fight:
Jordan flows before us,
Zion beams with light!

2 Glories upon glories
Hath our God prepared,
By the souls that love Him
One day to be shared;
Eye hath not beheld them,
Ear hath never heard;
Nor of these hath uttered
Thought or speech a word:
Forward, marching eastward
Where the heaven is bright,
Till the vail be lifted,
Till our faith be sight!

3 To the Father's glory
Loudest anthems raise;
To the Son and Spirit
Echo songs of praise;
To the Lord Jehovah,
Blessèd Three in One,
Be by men and angels
Endless honor done.
Weak are earthly praises,
Dull the songs of night;
Forward into triumph,
Forward into Light!

Henry Alford. 1871.

Service and Conflict.

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S. M.

WE give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be:
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2 May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive,
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our first-fruits give.

3 O hearts are bruised and dead,
And homes are bare and cold,
And lambs, for whom the Shepherd bled
Are straying from the fold!

4 To comfort and to bless,
To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless,
Is angels' work below.

5 The captive to release,
The lost to God to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace—
It is a Christ-like thing.

6 And we believe Thy word,
Though dim our faith may be;
Whate'er we do for Thine, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee.

William W. How. 1864.

Service and Conflict.

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L. M.

HE leadeth me! O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 't is God's hand that leadeth me.

REFRAIN.—He leadeth me! He leadeth me!
By His own hand He leadeth me!
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

2 Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
Still 't is His hand that leadeth me.

3 Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 't is my God that leadeth me.

4 And when my task on earth is done,
When, by Thy grace, the victory's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

Joseph H. Gilmore. 1859.

545

S. M.

YE servants of the Lord,
Each in his office wait,
Observant of His heavenly word,
And watchful at His gate.

Service and Conflict.

- 2 Let all your lamps be bright,
And trim the golden flame;
Gird up your loins, as in His sight,
For awful is His name.
- 3 Watch! 't is your Lord's command,
And while we speak, He's near;
Mark the first signal of His hand,
And ready all appear.
- 4 Oh, happy servant he
In such a posture found!
He shall his Lord with rapture see,
And be with honor crowned.

Philip Doddridge. 1755.

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OF T in danger, oft in woe,
Onward, Christians, onward go:
Fight the fight, maintain the strife,
Strengthened with the bread of life.

- 2 Onward, Christians, onward go,
Join the war, and face the foe:
Will ye flee in danger's hour?
Know ye not your Captain's power?
- 3 Let your drooping hearts be glad:
March in heavenly armor clad:
Fight, nor think the battle long,
Victory soon shall tune your song.
- 4 Let not sorrow dim your eye,
Soon shall every tear be dry;
Let not fears your course impede,
Great your strength, if great your need.

Service and Conflict.

- 5 Onward then in battle move,
More than conquerors ye shall prove;
Though opposed by many a foe,
Christian soldiers, onward go.

Henry K. White. 1806.

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S. M.

JESUS, I live to Thee,
The loveliest and best;
My life in Thee, Thy life in me,
In Thy blest love I rest.

- 2 Jesus, I die to Thee,
Whenever death shall come;
To die in Thee is life to me
In my eternal home.

- 3 Whether to live or die,
I know not which is best;
To live in Thee is bliss to me,
To die is endless rest.

- 4 Living or dying, Lord,
I ask but to be Thine;
My life in Thee, Thy life in me,
Makes heaven for ever mine.

Henry Harbaugh. 1850.

548

8s, 7s.

HE that goeth forth with weeping,
Bearing precious seed in love,
Never tiring, never sleeping,
Findeth mercy from above.

Service and Conflict.

- 2 Soft descend the dews of heaven,
Bright the rays celestial shine;
Precious fruits will thus be given,
Through an influence all divine.
- 3 Sow thy seed, be never weary,
Let no fears thy soul annoy;
Be the prospect ne'er so dreary,
Thou shalt reap the fruits of joy.
- 4 Lo, the scene of verdure brightening!
See the rising grain appear;
Look again! the fields are whitening,
For the harvest-time is near.

Thomas Hastings. 1836.

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S. M.

- SOW in the morn thy seed;
At eve hold not thy hand;
To doubt and fear give thou no heed;
Broadcast it o'er the land!
- 2 Beside all waters sow,
The highway furrows stock,
Drop it where thorns and thistles grow,
Scatter it on the rock.
 - 3 The good, the fruitful ground
Expect not here nor there;
O'er hill and dale alike 't is found;
Go forth, then, everywhere.
 - 4 And duly shall appear,
In verdure, beauty, strength,
The tender blade, the stalk, the ear,
And the full corn at length.

New Year.

- 5 Thou canst not toil in vain;
Cold, heat, the moist and dry,
Shall foster and mature the grain
For garnerers in the sky.
- 6 Then, when the glorious end,
The day of God, shall come,
The angel-reapers shall descend,
And heaven sing, "Harvest home!"
- James Montgomery. 1832.*

NEW YEAR.

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7s.

- FOR Thy mercy and Thy grace
Constant through another year,
Hear our song of thankfulness;
Jesus, our Redeemer, hear.
- 2 In our weakness and distress,
Rock of strength, be Thou our stay;
In the pathless wilderness
Be our true and living way.
- 3 Who of us death's awful road
In the coming year shall tread,
With Thy rod and staff, O God,
Comfort Thou his dying bed.
- 4 Make us faithful, make us pure,
Keep us evermore Thine own;
Help Thy servants to endure,
Fit us for Thy promised crown.

New Year.

- 5 So within Thy palace gate
We shall praise, on golden strings,
Thee the only Potentate,
Lord of lords, and King of kings.
Henry Downton. 1839.

551

L. M.

- G**REAT God! we sing that mighty hand,
By which supported still we stand,
The opening year Thy mercy shows—
Let mercy crown it till it close.
- 2 By day, by night, at home, abroad,
Still we are guarded by our God;
By His incessant bounty fed,
By His unerring counsel led.
- 3 With grateful hearts the past we own;
The future, all to us unknown,
We to Thy guardian care commit,
And, peaceful, leave before Thy feet.
- 4 In scenes exalted or depressed,
Be Thou our joy, and Thou our rest;
Thy goodness all our hopes shall raise,
Adored through all our changing days.
Philip Doddridge. 1755.

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7s, D.

- W**HILE with ceaseless course the sun
Hasted through the former year,
Many souls their race have run,
Never more to meet us here;

New Year.

Fixed in an eternal state,
They have done with all below,
We a little longer wait,
But how little none can know.

2 As the wingèd arrow flies
Speedily the mark to find;
As the lightning from the skies
Darts and leaves no trace behind;
Swiftly thus our fleeting days
Bear us down life's rapid stream,
Upward, Lord, our spirits raise;
All below is but a dream.

3 Thanks for mercies past receive,
Pardon of our sins renew;
Teach us henceforth how to live
With eternity in view.
Bless Thy word to young and old;
Fill us with a Saviour's love;
And when life's short tale is told,
May we dwell with Thee above.

John Newton. 1774.

553

7s, 6l.

PRAISE to God, immortal praise,
For the love that crowns our days;
Bounteous Source of every joy,
Let Thy praise our tongues employ;
All to Thee, our God, we owe,
Source whence all our blessings flow.

The Seasons—Harvest.

- 2 All the blessings of the fields,
All the stores the garden yields,
Flocks that whiten all the plain,
Yellow sheaves of ripened grain—
Lord, for these our souls shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.
- 3 Clouds that drop their fattening dews,
Suns that genial warmth diffuse,
All the plenty summer pours,
Autumn's rich o'erflowing stores;
All to Thee, our God, we owe,
Source whence all our blessings flow.
- 4 Peace, prosperity, and health,
Private bliss and public wealth,
Knowledge, with its gladdening streams,
Pure religion's holier beams—
Lord, for these our souls shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.

Anna L. Barbould. 1772.

THE SEASONS—HARVEST.

554

C. M.

FOUNTAIN of mercy, God of love,
How rich Thy bounties are;
The changing seasons, as they move,
Proclaim Thy constant care.

- 2 When, in the bosom of the earth,
The sower hid the grain,
Thy goodness marked its secret birth,
And sent the early rain.

The Seasons—Harvest.

- 3 The spring's sweet influence, Lord, was Thine,
The plants in beauty grew;
Thou gav'st refulgent suns to shine,
And soft refreshing dew.
- 4 These varied mercies, from above,
Matured the swelling grain:
A kindly harvest crowns Thy love,
And plenty fills the plain.
- 5 We own and bless Thy gracious sway;
Thy hand all nature hails:
Seed-time nor harvest, night nor day,
Summer nor winter fails.

Alice Flowerdew. 1811 ab.

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7s, D.

- COME, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of Harvest Home!
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin:
God our Maker doth provide
For our wants to be supplied:
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of Harvest Home!
- 2 We ourselves are God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield:
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown:
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear;
Grant, O Harvest-Lord, that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be!

National Occasions.

- 3 For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take His harvest home:
From His field shall in that day
All offences purge away:
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.
- 4 Then, thou Church Triumphant, come,
Raise the song of Harvest Home!
All are safely gathered in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin:
There forever purified,
In God's garner to abide:
Come, ten thousand angels, come,
Raise the glorious Harvest Home!

Henry Alford. 1844.

NATIONAL OCCASIONS.

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6s, 4s.

- MY country, 't is of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrim's pride,
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring.
- 2 My native country, thee—
Land of the noble, free—
Thy name I love.
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills
Like that above.

National Occasions.

3 Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song:
Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break—
The sound prolong.

4 Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright,
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King.

Samuel F. Smith. 1832.

557

H. M.

BEFORE the Lord we bow,
The God who reigns above,
And rules the world below,
Boundless in power and love.
Our thanks we bring
In joy and praise,
Our hearts we raise
To heaven's high King.

2 The nation Thou hast blest
May well Thy love declare,
From foes and fears at rest,
Protected by Thy care.
For this fair land,
For this bright day,
Our thanks we pay—
Gifts of Thy hand.

National Occasions.

3 May every mountain height,
Each vale and forest green,
Shine in Thy Word's pure light,
And its rich fruits be seen!
May every tongue
Be tuned to praise,
And join to raise
A grateful song.

4 Earth! hear Thy Maker's voice,
Thy great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice,
And worship Him alone.
Cast down thy pride,
Thy sin deplore,
And bow before
The Crucified.

5 And when in power He comes,
Oh, may our native land,
From all its rending tombs,
Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng,
Ever to sing
To heaven's high King
Salvation's song.

Francis S. Key. 1832.

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L. M.

L ORD, let Thy goodness lead our land,
Still saved by Thine almighty hand,
The tribute of its love to bring
To Thee, our Saviour, and our King.

National Occasions.

- 2 Let every sacred temple raise
Triumphant songs of holy praise;
Let every peaceful, private home
A temple, Lord, to Thee become.
- 3 Still be it our supreme delight
To walk as in Thy glorious sight;
Still in Thy precepts and Thy fear,
Till life's last hour, to persevere.

Philip Doddridge. 1755.

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6s, 4s.

GOD bless our native land!
G Firm may she ever stand,
Through storm and night;
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of winds and wave,
Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.

- 2 For her our prayer shall rise
To God, above the skies;
On Him we wait:
Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry,
God save the State!

Tr. Charles T. Brooks. 1844.

560

8s, 7s.

D READ Jehovah! God of nations!
From Thy temple in the skies
Hear Thy people's supplications;
Now for their deliverance rise.

Death.

- 2 Though our sins, our hearts confounding,
Long and loud for vengeance call,
Thou hast mercy more abounding;
Jesus' blood can cleanse them all.
- 3 Let that love veil our transgression,
Let that blood our guilt efface;
Save Thy people from oppression,
Save from spoil Thy holy place.
- 4 Lo! with deep contrition turning,
Humbly at Thy feet we bend;
Hear us, fasting, praying, mourning,
Hear us, spare us, and defend.

C—F—. 1804.

DEATH.

561

S. M.

- [T is not death to die,
To leave this weary road,
And 'mid the brotherhood on high,
To be at home with God.
- 2 It is not death to close
The eye long dimmed by tears,
And wake in glorious repose,
To spend eternal years.
- 3 It is not death to bear
The wrench that sets us free
From dungeon chain, to breathe the air
Of boundless liberty.

Death.

- 4 It is not death to fling
 Aside this sinful dust,
And rise, on strong, exulting wing,
 To live among the just.
- 5 Jesus, Thou Prince of life,
 Thy chosen cannot die!
Like Thee, they conquer in the strife,
 To reign with Thee on high.

Cæsar Malan. 1832.

Tr. George W. Bethune. 1847.

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7, 6, 7, 7, 6.

- NO, no, it is not dying,
 To go unto our God;
This gloomy earth forsaking,
Our journey homeward taking
 Along the starry road.
- 2 No, no, it is not dying.
 Heaven's citizen to be;
A crown immortal wearing,
And rest unbroken sharing,
 From care and conflict free.
- 3 No, no, it is not dying,
 The Shepherd's voice to know;
His sheep He ever leadeth,
His peaceful flock He feedeth,
 Where living pastures grow.
- 4 No, no, it is not dying
 To wear a heavenly crown;
Among God's people dwelling,
The glorious triumph swelling
 Of Him whose sway we own.

Death.

- 5 Oh, no, this is not dying,
Thou Saviour of mankind!
There streams of love are flowing,
No hindrance ever knowing;
Here only drops we find.

Cæsar Malan. 1832.

Tr. Robinson P. Dunn. 1859.

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S. M.

- ONE sweetly solemn thought
Comes to me o'er and o'er:
I am nearer my home to-day
Than e'er I've been before:
- 2 Nearer my Father's house,
Where many mansions be,
Nearer the throne where Jesus reigns,
Nearer the crystal sea.
- 3 Nearer the bound of life
Where burdens are laid down,
Nearer leaving the cross of grief,
Nearer gaining the crown.
- 4 But lying dark between,
And winding through the night,
Flows on the deep and unknown stream,
That leads me to the light.
- 5 Jesus, perfect my trust,
Strengthen my hand of faith,
And be Thou near me when I stand
Upon the shore of death.

Phæbe Cary. 1852 a.

Death.

564

8s, 6l.

WHO knows how near my end may be?
Time speeds away, and death comes on.
How swiftly, ah, how suddenly,
May death be here, and life be gone!
My God, for Jesus' sake I pray
Thy peace may bless my dying day.

2 O Father, cover all my sins
With Jesus' merits, who alone
The pardon that I covet wins,
And makes His long-sought Rest my own.
My God, for Jesus' sake I pray
Thy peace may bless my dying day.

3 Then death may come or tarry yet;
I know in Christ I perish not.
He never will His own forget;
He gives me robes without a spot.
My God, for Jesus' sake I pray
Thy peace may bless my dying day.

4 And thus I live in God at peace,
And die without a thought of fear,
Content to take what God decrees,
For through His Son my faith is clear;
His grace shall be in death my stay,
And peace shall bless my dying day.

*Countess Emilia Juliana. 1688.
Tr. Catherine Winkworth. 1858.*

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11s.

I WOULD not live alway: I ask not to stay
Where storm after storm rises dark o'er the
way;

Death.

The few lurid mornings that dawn on us here
Are enough for life's woes, full enough for its
cheer.

2 I would not live alway, thus fettered by sin;
Temptation without and corruption within:
E'en the rapture of pardon is mingled with fears,
And the cup of thanksgiving with penitent
tears.

3 I would not live alway; no, welcome the tomb:
Since Jesus hath lain there, I dread not its
gloom:
There sweet be my rest, till He bid me arise
To hail Him in triumph descending the skies.

4 Who, who would live alway, away from his God;
Away from yon heaven, that blissful abode,
Where the rivers of pleasure flow o'er the bright
plains,
And the noontide of glory eternally reigns.

5 Where the saints of all ages in harmony meet,
Their Saviour and brethren transported to greet;
While anthems of rapture unceasingly roll,
And the smile of the Lord is the feast of the soul.

William A. Muhlenberg. 1824.

566

L. M.

THEY come, God's messengers of love,
They come from realms of peace above,
From homes of never-fading light,
From blissful mansions ever bright.

Death.

- 2 They come to watch around us here,
To soothe our sorrow, calm our fear;
And whisper to the willing heart,
"O Christian soul, in peace depart."
- 3 Blest Jesus, Thou whose groans and tears
Have sanctified frail nature's fears,
To earth in bitter sorrow weighed,
Thou didst not scorn Thine angels' aid.
- 4 An angel guard to us supply,
When on the bed of death we lie:
And by Thine own almighty power,
Oh, shield us in the last dread hour.

Robert Campbell. 1850 a.

567

L. M.

HOW blest the righteous when he dies!
When sinks a weary soul to rest!
How mildly beam the closing eyes!
How gently heaves th' expiring breast!

- 2 So fades a summer cloud away;
So sinks the gale when storms are o'er;
So gently shuts the eye of day;
So dies a wave along the shore.
- 3 A holy quiet reigns around,
A calm which life nor death destroys;
And nought disturbs that peace profound
Which his unfettered soul enjoys.

Death.

- 4 Life's labor done, as sinks the clay,
Light from its load the spirit flies,
While heaven and earth combine to say,
"How blest the righteous when he dies!"
Anna L. Barbauld. 1809 a.

568

L. M.

- A SLEEP in Jesus! blessèd sleep,
From which none ever wakes to weep;
A calm and undisturbed repose,
Unbroken by the last of foes.
- 2 Asleep in Jesus! oh, how sweet,
To be for such a slumber meet;
With holy confidence to sing
That Death has lost his venom'd sting.
- 3 Asleep in Jesus! peaceful rest,
Whose waking is supremely blest:
No fear, no woe, shall dim that hour
That manifests the Saviour's power.
- 4 Asleep in Jesus! oh, for me
May such a blissful refuge be:
Securely shall my ashes lie,
And wait the summons from on high.
- 5 Asleep in Jesus! time nor space
Affects this precious hiding-place:
On Indian plains or Lapland snows
Believers find the same repose.

Margaret Mackay. 1832.

Death.

569

8s, 7s.

MY days are gliding swiftly by,
And I, a pilgrim stranger,
Would not detain them as they fly,
Those hours of toil and danger:

CHO.—For now we stand on Jordan's strand,
Our friends are passing over;
And, just before, the shining shore
We may almost discover.

2 Our absent King the watchword gave,
“Let every lamp be burning;”
We look afar across the wave,
Our distant home discerning.

3 Should coming days be dark and cold,
We will not yield to sorrow,
For hope will sing with courage bold,
“There's glory on the morrow.”

4 Let storms of woe in whirlwinds rise,
Each cord on earth to sever,
There—bright and joyous in the skies—
There is our home forever.

David Nelson. 1835.

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7s, 8s, 7, 7.

TENDER Shepherd, Thou hast stilled
Now Thy little lamb's brief weeping;
Ah, how peaceful, pale, and mild,
In its narrow bed 't is sleeping!
And no sigh of anguish sore
Heaves that little bosom more.

Burial.

2 In this world of care and pain,
 Lord, Thou wouldst no longer leave it:
 To the sunny, heavenly plain
 Dost Thou now in joy receive it.
Clothed in robes of spotless white,
Now it dwells with Thee in light.

3 Ah, Lord Jesus, grant that we
 Where it lives may soon be living,
And the lovely pastures see
 That its heavenly food are giving.
Then the gain of death we'll prove,
Though Thou take what most we love.

*Johann W. Meinhold. 1835.
Tr. Catherine Winkworth. 1858.*

BURIAL.

571 8s, 7s.

JESUS, while our hearts are bleeding
 O'er the spoils that death has won,
We would, at this solemn meeting,
 Calmly say—Thy will be done.

2 Though cast down, we're not forsaken,
 Though afflicted, not alone;
Thou didst give, and Thou hast taken;
 Blessèd Lord—Thy will be done.

3 Though to-day we're filled with mourning,
 Mercy still is on the throne;
With Thy smiles of love returning,
 We can sing—Thy will be done.

Burial.

- 4 By Thy hands the boon was given,
Thou hast taken but Thine own:
Lord of earth, and God of heaven,
Evermore—Thy will be done.

Thomas Hastings. 1834.

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11s.

THE things of the earth in the earth let us lay,
The ashes with ashes, the dust with the
clay;

But lift up the heart, and the eye, and the love,
Oh, lift up the soul to the regions above.

- 2 Since He, the Immortal, hath entered the gate,
So, too, shall we mortals, or sooner or late;
Then stand we on Christ; let us mark Him
ascend,
For His is the glory and life without end.

- 3 On earth with His own ones, the Giver of good,
Bestowing His blessing, a little while stood:
Now nothing can part us, nor distance, nor foes,
For lo! He is with us, and who can oppose?

- 4 So, Lord, we commit this our brother to Thee,
Whose body is dead, but whose spirit is free;
We know that through grace, when our life here
is done,
We live still in Thee, and forever in one.

- 5 All glory to Thee, Father, Spirit, and Son,
Who three art in person, in substance but one,
In whom we have victory over the grave,
Who lovest Thy people to pardon and save.

John M. Neale. 1843.

Burial.

573

C. M.

WHY do we mourn departing friends?
Or shake at death's alarms?
'T is but the voice that Jesus sends
To call them to His arms.

2 Are we not tending upward too,
As fast as time can move?
Nor would we wish the hours more slow,
To keep us from our love.

3 Why should we tremble to convey
Their bodies to the tomb?
There the dear flesh of Jesus lay,
His light dispelled its gloom.

4 The graves of all His saints He blessed,
And softened every bed;
Where should the dying members rest,
But with the dying Head?

5 Thence He arose, ascending high,
And showed our feet the way;
Up to the Lord our flesh shall fly
At the great rising-day.

6 Then let the last loud trumpet sound,
And bid our kindred rise;
Awake, ye nations under ground;
Ye saints, ascend the skies.

Isaac Watts. 1707.

Burial.

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6s, 8, 6, 8, 8.

- FRIEND after friend departs;
Who hath not lost a friend?
There is no union here of hearts,
That finds not here an end:
Were this frail world our final rest,
Living or dying, none were blest.
- 2 Beyond the flight of time,
Beyond the reign of death,
There surely is some blessèd clime
Where life is not a breath,
Nor life's affections transient fire,
Whose sparks fly upward and expire.
- 3 There is a world above,
Where parting is unknown;
A long eternity of love
Formed for the good alone;
And faith beholds the dying here
Translated to that glorious sphere.
- 4 Thus star by star declines
Till all are passed away;
As morning high and higher shines
To pure and perfect day;
Nor sink those stars in empty night,
But hide themselves in heaven's own light.

James Montgomery. 1824.

RESURRECTION.

575

L. M.

WHAT sinners value, I resign:
Lord! 't is enough that Thou art mine!
I shall behold Thy blissful face,
And stand complete in righteousness.

Judgment.

- 2 This life's a dream, an empty show;
But the bright world to which I go
Hath joys substantial and sincere;
When shall I wake and find me there?
- 3 O glorious hour! O blest abode!
I shall be near and like my God;
And flesh and sin no more control
The sacred pleasures of the soul.
- 4 My flesh shall slumber in the ground
Till the last trumpet's joyful sound;
Then burst the chains with sweet surprise,
And in my Saviour's image rise.

Isaac Watts. 1719.

Alt. Augustus M. Toplady. 1776 (f).

JUDGMENT.

576

S. M.

THOU Judge of quick and dead,
Before whose bar severe,
With holy joy, or guilty dread,
We all shall soon appear:

- 2 Our anxious souls prepare
For that tremendous day;
And fill us now with watchful care,
And stir us up to pray:
- 3 To pray, and wait the hour,
That awful hour unknown,
When, robed in majesty and power,
Thou shalt from heaven come down.

Judgment.

4 Oh, may we all be found
Obedient to Thy Word—
Attentive to the trumpet's sound,
And looking for our Lord!

5 Oh, may we all insure
A home among the blest;
And watch a moment, to secure
An everlasting rest!

Charles Wesley. 1749 a.

577

8s, 7s, 4, 7.

DAY of judgment—day of wonders,
Hark! the trumpet's awful sound,
Louder than a thousand thunders,
Shakes the vast creation round!
How the summons
Will the sinner's heart confound.

2 See the Judge our nature wearing,
Clothed in majesty divine!
Ye who long for His appearing
Then shall say, "This God is mine!"
Gracious Saviour!
Own me in that day for Thine!

3 At His call the dead awaken,
Rise to life from earth and sea;
All the powers of nature, shaken
By His looks, prepare to flee:
Careless sinner!
What will then become of thee?

Judgment.

- 4 But to those who have confessèd,
Loved and served the Lord below,
He will say, "Come near, ye blessèd!
See the kingdom I bestow!
You forever
Shall my love and glory know."

John Newton. 1779 a.

578

L. M.

THE day of wrath, that dreadful day,
When heaven and earth shall pass away—
What power shall be the sinner's stay?
How shall he meet that dreadful day?

- 2 When, shriv'ling like a parchèd scroll,
The flaming heavens together roll,
And louder yet, and yet more dread,
Resounds the trump that wakes the dead!

- 2 Oh, on that day, that wrathful day,
When man to judgment wakes from clay,
Be Thou, O Christ, the sinner's stay,
Though heaven and earth shall pass away.

*Thomas of Celano. 1250.
Tr. Walter Scott. 1805.*

579

P. M.

THOU art coming, O my Saviour!
Thou art coming, O my King!
In Thy beauty all resplendent,
In Thy glory all transcendent;
Well may we rejoice and sing;

Judgment.

Coming: in the opening east
Herald brightness slowly swells;
Coming: O Thou glorious Priest!
Hear we not Thy golden bells?

2 Thou art coming, thou art coming;
We shall meet Thee on Thy way;
We shall see Thee, we shall know Thee,
We shall bless Thee, we shall show Thee
All our hearts could never say;
What an anthem that will be,
Music rapturously sweet,
Pouring out our love to Thee
At Thine own all-glorious feet.

3 Thou art coming; at Thy table
We are witnesses for this;
While rememb'ring hearts Thou meetest
In communion clearest, sweetest,
Earnest of our coming bliss;
Showing not Thy death alone,
And Thy love exceeding great,
But Thy coming, and Thy throne,
All for which we long and wait.

4 Thou art coming, we are waiting
With a hope that cannot fail;
Asking not the day or hour,
Resting on Thy word of power,
Anchored safe within the veil.
Time appointed may be long,
But the vision must be sure;
Certainty shall make us strong,
Joyful patience can endure.

Judgment.

- 5 O the joy to see Thee reigning,
Thee, our own belovèd Lord!
Every tongue Thy Name confessing,
Worship, honor, glory, blessing
Brought to Thee with one accord;
Thee, our Master, and our Friend,
Vindicated and enthroned;
Unto earth's remotest end
Glorified, adored, and owned!

Frances R. Havergal. 1873.

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8s, 7s, 8, 8. 7.

- G**REAT God, what do I see and hear!
The end of things created!
The Judge of man I see appear,
On clouds of glory seated.
The trumpet sounds: the graves restore
The dead which they contained before;
Prepare, my soul, to meet Him.
- 2 The dead in Christ shall first arise,
At the last trumpet's sounding,
Caught up to meet Him in the skies,
With joy their Lord surrounding;
No gloomy fears their souls dismay;
His presence sheds eternal day
On those prepared to meet Him.
- 3 But sinners, filled with guilty fears,
Behold His wrath prevailing,
For they shall rise, and find their tears
And sighs are unavailing;
The day of grace is past and gone;
Trembling they stand before the throne,
All unprepared to meet Him.

Heaven.

- 4 O Christ, Who diedst and yet dost live,
To me impart Thy merit;
My pardon seal, my sins forgive,
And cleanse me by Thy Spirit.
Beneath Thy cross I view the day
When heaven and earth shall pass away,
And thus prepare to meet Thee.

V. 1, Anon. 1802.

Vs. 2, 3, William Bengo Collyer. 1812.

HEAVEN.

581

8s, 6s, 6s.

- O PARADISE, O Paradise,
Who doth not crave for rest?
Who would not seek the happy land
Where they that loved are blest?
Where loyal hearts and true
Stand ever in the light,
All rapture through and through,
In God's most holy sight.
- 2 O Paradise, O Paradise,
The world is growing old;
Who would not be at rest and free
Where love is never cold?
Where loyal hearts and true
Stand ever in the light,
All rapture through and through,
In God's most holy sight.
- 3 O Paradise, O Paradise,
I greatly long to see
The special place my dearest Lord
In love prepares for me;

Heaven.

Where loyal hearts and true
Stand ever in the light,
All rapture through and through,
In God's most holy sight.

- 4 Lord, Jesus, King of Paradise,
Oh, keep me in Thy love,
And guide me to that happy land
Of perfect rest above;
Where loyal hearts and true
Stand ever in the light,
All rapture through and through,
In God's most holy sight.

Frederick W. Faber. 1862.

582

7s.

PALMS of glory, raiment bright,
Crowns that never fade away,
Gird and deck the saints in light;
Priests, and kings, and conquerors, they.

- 2 Yet the conquerors bring their palms
To the Lamb amid the throne,
And proclaim in joyful psalms,
Victory through His cross alone.

- 3 Kings for harps their crowns resign,
Crying as they strike the chords—
“Take the kingdom; it is Thine,
King of kings, and Lord of lords.”

- 4 Round the altar, priests confess,
If their robes are white as snow,
'T was their Saviour's righteousness,
And His blood, that made them so.

James Montgomery. 1829.

Heaven.

583

C. M.

AROUND the throne of God in heaven,
Thousands of children stand,
Children whose sins are all forgiven,
A holy, happy band,
Singing glory, glory,
Glory be to God on high.

- 2 In flowing robes of spotless white
See every one arrayed;
Dwelling in everlasting light,
And joys that never fade,
Singing, &c.
- 3 What brought them to that world above,
That heaven so bright and fair,
Where all is peace, and joy, and love;—
How came those children there?
Singing, &c.
- 4 Because the Saviour shed His blood,
To wash away their sin;
Bathed in that pure and precious flood,
Behold them white and clean!
Singing, &c.
- 5 On earth they sought the Saviour's grace,
On earth they loved His name;
So now they see His blessed face,
And stand before the Lamb,
Singing, &c.

Anne H. Shepherd. 1841 al.

HIGH in yonder realms of light
Dwell the raptured saints above,
Far beyond our feeble sight,
Happy in Immanuel's love.

2 Pilgrims in this vale of tears,
Once they knew, like us below,
Gloomy doubts, distressing fears,
Torturing pain, and heavy woe.

3 But, these days of weeping o'er,
Past this scene of toil and pain,
They shall feel distress no more,
Never—never weep again.

4 'Mid the chorus of the skies,
'Mid th' angelic lyres above,
Hark—their songs melodious rise,
Songs of praise to Jesus' love!

5 Happy spirits! ye are fled
Where no grief can entrance find:
Lulled to rest the aching head,
Soothed the anguish of the mind.

6 Every tear is wiped away—
Sighs no more shall heave the breast;
Night is lost in endless day—
Sorrow, in eternal rest.

Thomas Raffles. 1812 a.

Heaven.

585

7s, 6s, D.

JERUSALEM, the golden,
With milk and honey blest!
Beneath thy contemplation
Sink heart and voice oppressed:
I know not, oh, I know not,
What joys await me there,
What radiancy of glory,
What light beyond compare.

- 2 They stand, those halls of Zion,
All jubilant with song,
And bright with many an angel,
And all the martyr throng;
The Prince is ever in them,
The daylight is serene;
The pastures of the blessed
Are decked in glorious sheen.
- 3 There is the throne of David;
And there, from care released,
The song of them that triumph,
The shout of them that feast:
And they who, with their Leader,
Have conquered in the fight
For ever and forever
Are clad in robes of white.

*Bernard of Cluny. 12th Century.
Tr. John M. Neale. 1852.*

586

C. M. D.

THERE is a land of pure delight,
Where saints immortal reign;
Infinite day excludes the night,
And pleasures banish pain.

Heaven.

There everlasting spring abides,
And never-with'ring flowers:
Death, like a narrow sea, divides
This heavenly land from ours.

2 Sweet fields, beyond the swelling flood,
Stand dressed in living green:
So to the Jews old Canaan stood,
While Jordan rolled between.
But timorous mortals start and shrink
To cross this narrow sea,
And linger, shivering, on the brink,
And fear to launch away.

3 Oh, could we make our doubts remove,
Those gloomy doubts that rise,
And view the Canaan that we love
With unobscured eyes!
Could we but climb where Moses stood,
And view the landscape o'er,
Not Jordan's stream, nor death's cold flood,
Should fright us from the shore.

Isaac Watts. 1709.

587

11s, 10s, 9, 11.

HARK, hark, my soul! Angelic songs are
swelling
O'er earth's green fields, and ocean's wave-
beat shore:

How sweet the truth those blessed strains are
telling,

Of that new life when sin shall be no more.

REFRAIN.—

Angels of Jesus, angels of light,
Singing to welcome the pilgrims of the night!

Heaven.

- 2 Onward we go, for still we hear them singing,
Come, weary souls, for Jesus bids you come;
And through the dark, its echoes sweetly ringing,
The music of the gospel leads us home.
- 3 Far, far away, like bells at evening pealing,
The voice of Jesus sounds o'er land and sea;
And laden souls, by thousands meekly stealing,
Kind Shepherd, turn their weary steps to
Thee.
- 4 Angels, sing on, your faithful watches keeping,
Sing us sweet fragments of the songs above;
Till morning's joy shall end the night of weep-
ing;
And life's long shadows break in cloudless
love.

Frederick W. Faber. 1854 a.

588

8s, 7s, D.

HARK! the sound of holy voices,
Chanting at the crystal sea,
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Lord, to Thee!
Multitudes, which none can number,
Like the stars in glory stand,
Clothed in white apparel, holding
Palms of victory in their hands.

- 2 They have come from tribulation,
And have washed their robes in blood,
Washed them in the blood of Jesus;
Tried they were and firm they stood.

Heaven.

Mocked, imprisoned, stoned, tormented,
Sawn asunder, slain with sword,
They have conquered death and Satan
By the might of Christ the Lord.

- 3 Now they reign in heavenly glory,
Now they walk in golden light,
Now they drink, as from a river,
Holy bliss and infinite.
Love and peace they taste for ever,
And all truth and knowledge see
In the beatific vision
Of the blessèd Trinity.

Christopher Wordsworth. 1862.

589

H. M.

JERUSALEM on high
My song and city is,
My home whene'er I die,
The centre of my bliss:
Oh, happy place!
When shall I be,
My God, with Thee,
To see Thy face?

- 2 There dwells my Lord, my King,
Judged here unfit to live;
There angels to Him sing,
And lowly homage give:
Oh, happy place!
When shall I be,
My God, with Thee,
To see Thy face?

Heaven.

- 3 The patriarchs of old
There from their travels cease;
The prophets there behold
Their longed-for Prince of Peace:
Oh, happy place!
When shall I be,
My God, with Thee,
To see Thy face?
- 4 The Lamb's apostles there
I might with joy behold,
The harpers I might hear
Harping on harps of gold:
Oh, happy place!
When shall I be,
My God, with Thee,
To see Thy face?
- 5 The bleeding martyrs, they
Within these courts are found,
Clothèd in pure array,
Their scars with glory crowned;
Oh, happy place!
When shall I be,
My God, with Thee,
To see Thy face?
- 6 Ah me! ah me! that I
In Kedar's tents here stay;
No place like that on high;
Lord, thither guide my way:
Oh, happy place!
When shall I be,
My God, with Thee,
To see Thy face?

Samuel Crossman. 1664.

Heaven.

590

C. M.

THERE is an hour of hallowed peace
For those with care oppressed,
When sighs and sorrowing tears shall cease,
And all be hushed to rest.

2 'T is then the soul is freed from fears
And doubts that here annoy:
Then they that oft had sown in tears
Shall reap again in joy.

3 There is a home of sweet repose,
Where storms assail no more;
The stream of endless pleasure flows
On that celestial shore.

4 There purity with love appears,
And bliss without alloy;
There they that oft had sown in tears
Shall reap eternal joy.

William B. Tappan. 1822 a.

591

6s, 4s.

WE are but strangers here,
Heaven is our home;
Earth is a desert drear,
Heaven is our home.
Danger and sorrow stand
Round us on every hand,
Heaven is our Fatherland,
Heaven is our home.

Heaven.

2 What though the tempest rage,
 Heaven is our home;
Short is our pilgrimage,
 Heaven is our home.
And Time's wild wintry blast
Soon shall be overpast,
We shall reach home at last;
 Heaven is our home.

3 There at our Saviour's side,
 Heaven is our home;
May we be glorified;
 Heaven is our home:
There are the good and blest,
Those we love most and best,
Grant us with them to rest;
 Heaven is our home.

4 Grant us to murmur not,
 Heaven is our home;
Whate'er our earthly lot,
 Heaven is our home.
Grant us at last to stand
There at Thine own right hand,
Jesus, in Fatherland:
 Heaven is our home.

Thomas R. Taylor. 1835 a.

592

C. M. P.

THERE is an hour of peaceful rest,
 To mourning wanderers given;
There is a joy for souls distressed,
A balm for every wounded breast—
 'T is found above—in heaven.

Heaven.

- 2 There is a home for weary souls,
By sin and sorrow driven;
When tossed on life's tempestuous shoals,
Where storms arise and ocean rolls,
And all is drear—but heaven.
- 3 There faith lifts up her cheerful eye,
To brighter prospects given;
And views the tempest passing by,
The evening shadows quickly fly,
And all serene—in heaven.
- 4 There fragrant flowers immortal bloom,
And joys supreme are given;
There joys divine disperse the gloom;
Beyond the confines of the tomb
Appears the dawn of heaven.

William B. Tappan. 1822-1846 ab.

593

C. M. D.

- O MOTHER dear, Jerusalem!
When shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?
O happy harbor of God's saints!
O sweet and pleasant soil!
In thee no sorrow can be found,
Nor grief, nor care, nor toil.
- 2 No murky cloud o'ershadows thee,
Nor gloom, nor darksome night;
But every soul shines as the sun,
For God Himself gives light.

Heaven.

O my sweet home, Jerusalem,
Thy joys when shall I see?
The King that sitteth on thy throne
In His felicity?

- 3 Thy gardens and thy goodly walks
Continually are green,
Where grow such sweet and pleasant flowers
As nowhere else are seen.
Right through thy streets, with silver sound
The living waters flow,
And on the banks, on either side,
The trees of life do grow.
- 4 Those trees for evermore bear fruit,
And evermore do spring:
There evermore the angels are,
And evermore do sing.
Jerusalem, my happy home,
Would God I were in thee;
Would God my woes were at an end,
Thy joys that I might see!

David Dickson. 1649 (?)

594

L. M.

THINE earthly sabbaths, Lord, we love;
But there's a nobler rest above:
Thy servants to that rest aspire
With ardent hope and strong desire.

- 2 No more fatigue, no more distress,
Nor sin, nor death shall reach the place;
No groans shall mingle with the songs
That dwell upon immortal tongues.

Heaven.

- 3 No rude alarms of raging foes;
No cares to break the long repose;
No midnight shade, no clouded sun,
But sacred, high, eternal noon.
- 4 O long-expected day, begin!
Dawn on these realms of woe and sin!
Fain would we leave this weary road,
And sleep in death, to rest with God.
- Philip Doddridge. 1755 a.*

595

7s, D.

- WHO are these in bright array,
This innumerable throng,
Round the altar night and day,
Tuning their triumphant song?
“Worthy is the Lamb, once slain,
Blessing, honor, glory, power,
Wisdom, riches, to obtain,
New dominion every hour.”
- 2 These through fiery trials trod;
These from great affliction came;
Now, before the throne of God,
Sealed with His eternal name,
Clad in raiment pure and white,
Victor palms in every hand,
Through their great Redeemer's might,
More than conquerors they stand.
- 3 Hunger, thirst, disease unknown,
On immortal fruits they feed;
Them the Lamb amidst the throne
Shall to living fountains lead.

Heaven.

Joy and gladness banish sighs;
Perfect love dispels their fears;
And forever from their eyes
God shall wipe away their tears.

James Montgomery. 1819, 1853.

596

C. M. D.

ON Jordan's stormy banks I stand
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.
Oh, the transporting, rapturous scene,
That rises to my sight!
Sweet fields arrayed in living green,
And rivers of delight.

- 2 All o'er those wide-extended plains
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son for ever reigns,
And scatters night away.
No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness and sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.
- 3 When shall I reach that happy place,
And be for ever blest?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest?
Filled with delight, my raptured soul
Would here no longer stay;
Though Jordan's waves around me roll,
Fearless I'd launch away.

Samuel Stennett. 1787.

Heaven.

597

L. M.

“WE’VE no abiding city here,”
This may distress the worldly mind;
But should not cost a saint a tear,
Who hopes a better rest to find.

2 “We’ve no abiding city here,”
We seek a city out of sight:
Zion its name,—the Lord is there,
It shines with everlasting light.

3 O sweet abode of peace and love,
Where pilgrims freed from toil are blest;
Had I the pinions of the dove,
I’d flee to thee, and be at rest.

4 But hush, my soul! nor dare repine;
The time my God appoints is best:
While here, to do His will be mine,
And His to fix my time of rest.

Thomas Kelly. 1802.

598

6s, 5s, 6s, 5.

WHEN shall we meet again?—
Meet ne’er to sever?
When will peace wreathe her chain
Round us forever?
Our hearts will ne’er repose
Safe from each blast that blows,
In this dark vale of woes—
Never—no, never!

Heaven.

2 When shall love freely flow
Pure as life's river?
When shall sweet friendship glow
Changeless forever?
Where joys celestial thrill,
Where bliss each heart shall fill,
And fears of parting chill
Never—no, never!

3 Up to that world of light,
Take us, dear Saviour;
May we all there unite,
Happy forever:
Where kindred spirits dwell,
There may our music swell,
And time our joys dispel
Never—no, never!

4 Soon shall we meet again—
Meet ne'er to sever;
Soon will peace wreath her chain
Round us forever;
Our hearts will then repose
Secure from worldly woes;
Our songs of praise shall close
Never—no, never!

Vs. 1, Alaric A. Watts. 1822.

Vs. 2, 3, 4, Samuel F. Smith. 1832.

599

S. M.

OH, where shall rest be found,
Rest for the weary soul?
'T were vain the ocean's depths to sound,
Or pierce to either pole.

Heaven.

2 The world can never give
The bliss for which we sigh;
'T is not the whole of life to live,
Nor all of death to die.

3 Beyond this vale of tears
There is a life above,
Unmeasured by the flight of years—
And all that life is love.

4 Here would we end our quest;
Alone are found in Thee
The life of perfect love, the rest
Of immortality.

James Montgomery. 1819 ab.

600

8s.

WE speak of the realms of the blest,
That country so bright and so fair,
And oft are its glories confessed;
But what must it be to be there!

2 We speak of its pathways of gold,
Its walls decked with jewels so rare,
Its wonders and pleasures untold;
But what must it be to be there!

3 We speak of its freedom from sin,
From sorrow, temptation, and care,
From trials without and within;
But what must it be to be there!

Heaven.

4 We speak of its service of love,
The robes which the glorified wear,
The Church of the First-born above;
But what must it be to be there!

5 Do Thou, Lord, 'mid sorrow and woe,
Still for heaven my spirit prepare,
And shortly I also shall know
And feel what it is to be there.

Elizabeth Mills. 1829,

601

S. M.

I HAVE a home above,
From sin and sorrow free;
A mansion which eternal love
Designed and formed for me.

2 My Saviour's precious blood
Has made my title sure;
He passed through death's dark raging flood
To make my rest secure.

3 The Comforter is come,
The earnest has been given;
He leads me onward to the home
Reserved for me in heaven.

4 Loved ones are gone before,
Whose pilgrim days are done;
I soon shall greet them on that shore
Where partings are unknown.

Henry Bennett. 1867.

- J**ERUSALEM! my happy home!
 Name ever dear to me!
 When shall my labors have an end,
 In joy and peace and Thee?
- 2 When shall these eyes thy heaven-built walls
 And pearly gates behold?
 Thy bulwarks with salvation strong,
 And streets of shining gold?
- 3 Oh, when, thou city of my God,
 Shall I thy courts ascend,
 Where congregations ne'er break up,
 And Sabbaths have no end?
- 4 There happier bowers than Eden's bloom,
 Nor sin nor sorrow know:
 Blest seats! through rude and stormy scenes
 I onward press to you.
- 5 Why would I shrink at pain and woe?
 Or feel at death dismay?
 I've Canaan's goodly land in view,
 And realms of endless day.
- 6 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there,
 Around my Saviour stand;
 And soon my friends in Christ below
 Will join the glorious band.
- 7 Jerusalem! my happy home!
 My soul still pants for thee;
 Then shall my labors have an end,
 When I thy joys shall see.

F. B. P.

Re-written by James Montgomery. 1802.

Heaven.

603

7s, 6s, D.

THERE is a land immortal,
The beautiful of lands,
Beside its ancient portal
A silent sentry stands;
He only can undo it,
And open wide the door;
And mortals who pass through it
Are mortal never more.

2 Though dark and drear the passage
That leadeth to the gate,
Yet grace attends the message,
To souls that watch and wait:
And at the time appointed
A messenger comes down,
And guides the Lord's anointed
From cross to glory's crown.

3 Their sighs are lost in singing,
They're blessèd in their tears;
Their journey heavenward winging,
They leave on earth their fears:
Death like an angel seemeth;
"We welcome thee," they cry;
Their face with glory beameth—
'T is life for them to die!

Thomas MacKellar. 1845.

604

S. M. D.

FOREVER with the Lord!
Amen! so let it be;
Life from the dead is in that word,
'T is immortality.

Heaven.

Here in the body pent,
Absent from Him I roam,
Yet nightly pitch my moving tent
A day's march nearer home.

CHORUS.—Nearer home, nearer home,
A day's march nearer home.

2 My Father's house on high,
Home of my soul! how near
At times to faith's foreseeing eye
The golden gates appear!
Ah, then my spirit faints
To reach the land I love,
The bright inheritance of saints,
Jerusalem above!

3 Forever with the Lord!
Father, it is Thy will,
The promise of that faithful word
E'en here to me fulfil.
Knowing as I am known,
How shall I love that word,
And oft repeat before the throne,
“Forever with the Lord!”

James Montgomery. 1835.

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11s.

'MID scenes of confusion and creature complaints,
How sweet to my soul is communion with saints!
To find at the banquet of mercy there's room,
And feel in the presence of Jesus at home!
Home! home! sweet, sweet home!
Prepare me, dear Saviour, for glory, my home.

Heaven.

- 2 Sweet bonds, that unite all the children of peace!
And thrice precious Jesus, whose love cannot
 cease!
Though oft from Thy presence in sadness I roam,
I long to behold Thee, in glory at home.
 Home, etc.
- 3 I sigh from this body of sin to be free,
Which hinders my joy and communion with
 Thee;
Though now my temptations like billows may
 foam,
All, all will be peace, when I'm with Thee at
 home.
 Home, etc.
- 4 While here in the valley of conflict I stay,
Oh, give me submission and strength as my day;
In all my afflictions to Thee would I come,
Rejoicing in hope of my glorious home.
 Home, etc.
- 5 Whate'er Thou deniest, oh, give me Thy grace,
The Spirit's sure witness, and smiles of Thy face;
Indulge me with patience to wait at Thy throne,
And find even now a sweet foretaste of home.
 Home, etc.
- 6 I long, dearest Lord, in Thy beauties to shine,
No more as an exile in sorrow to pine,
And in Thy dear image arise from the tomb,
With glorified millions to praise Thee at home.
 Home, etc.

David Denham, 1837.

Heaven.

606

C. M.

WE come, O Lord, before Thy throne,
And, with united plea,
We meet and pray for those who roam
Far off upon the sea.

2 Oh, may the Holy Spirit bow
The sailor's heart to Thee,
Till tears of deep repentance flow
Like rain-drops on the sea.

3 Then may a Saviour's dying love
Pour peace into his breast,
And waft him to the port above,
Of everlasting rest.

Phæbe H. Brown. 1834.

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7s, 6s, D.

BRIEF life is here our portion;
Brief sorrow, short-lived care;
The life that knows no ending,
The tearless life, is there;
Oh, happy retribution!
Short toil, eternal rest;
For mortals, and for sinners,
A mansion with the blest!

2 There, grief is turned to pleasure,—
Such pleasure as below
No human voice can utter,
No human heart can know;
And after fleshly weakness,
And after this world's night,
And after storm and whirlwind,
Are calm and joy and light.

Heaven.

- 3 For thee, O dear, dear country!
 Mine eyes their vigils keep;
For very love, beholding
 Thy happy name, they weep:
The mention of thy glory
 Is unction to the breast,
And medicine in sickness.
 And love, and life, and rest.

Bernard of Cluny. 12th Century.
Tr. John M. Neale. 1852.

DOXOLOGIES.

1

L. M.

TO God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Be honor, praise, and glory given,
By all on earth and all in heaven.

2

L. M.

PRAISE God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

3

L. P. M.

NOW to the great and sacred Three,
The Father, Son, and Spirit, be
Eternal praise and glory given—
Through all the worlds where God is known,
By all the angels near the throne,
And all the saints in earth and heaven.

4

C. M.

TO Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
One God, whom we adore,
Be glory as it was, is now,
And shall be evermore!

Doxologies.

5

C. M. D.

THE God of mercy be adored,
Who calls our souls from death,
Who saves by His redeeming word
And new-creating breath:
To praise the Father and the Son
And Spirit all divine—
The One in Three and Three in One,
Let saints and angels join.

6

C. P. M.

TO Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Be praise amid the heavenly host,
And in the church below;
From whom all creatures draw their breath,
By whom redemption blessed the earth,
From whom all comforts flow.

7

S. M.

TO God the Father, Son,
And Spirit, One in Three,
Be glory as it was, is now,
And shall forever be.

8

S. M. D.

THEE, Father, Spirit, Son,
We joyfully adore;
We bless th' eternal Three in One,
Who reigns for evermore:
Thou glorious Trinity,
By earth and heaven adored,
We glorify, we worship Thee,
The Universal Lord.

Doxologies.

9

H. M.

TO God the Father's throne
Your highest honors raise;
Glory to God the Son—
To God, the Spirit, praise:
With all our powers,
Eternal King!
Thy name we sing,
While faith adores.

10

5s, 6s.

BY angels in heaven
Of every degree,
And saints upon earth,
All praise be addressed
To God in three Persons,
One God ever blest:
As it has been, now is,
And always shall be.

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[6, 6, 4, 6, 6, 6, 4.]

6s, 4s.

TO God—the Father, Son,
And Spirit—Three in One,
All praise be given!
Crown Him in every song;
To Him your hearts belong;
Let all His praise prolong,
On earth, in heaven.

12

6s, 7, 6s.

TO God, the Father, Son,
And ever blessèd Spirit,
Eternal Three in One,
Be glory due Thy merit;

Doxologies.

As was in ages past,
Is now, and still shall be,
While endless ages last,
Most Holy Trinity.

13

7s.

SING we to our God above,
Praise eternal as His love;
Praise Him, all ye heavenly host,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

14

7s, 6l.

PRAISE the Name of God Most High,
Praise Him, all below the sky,
Praise Him, all ye heavenly host,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
As through countless ages past,
Evermore His praise shall last.

15

7s, D.

PRAISE our glorious King and Lord,
Angels waiting on His word,
Saints that walk with Him in white,
Pilgrims walking in His light:
Glory to th' eternal One,
Glory to His only Son,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now, and through eternity.

16

7s, 6s.

TO Father, Son, and Spirit,
From earth let praise arise!
Ye angels, as ye hear it,
Prolong it through the skies!

Doxologies.

17

7s, 6s, D.

ALL ye who grace inherit,
The God of grace adore!
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
Give praise for evermore!
Of mercies here, the treasure
Demands our praise and love;
And praise shall be our pleasure
Before His throne above.

18

7s, 6s, 7, 8, 7, 6.

FATHER, Son, and Holy Ghost,
One God, whom we adore,
Join we with the heavenly host
To praise Thee evermore:
Live, by heaven and earth adored,
Thou Three in One, and One in Three,
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
All glory be to Thee!

19

7s, 6s, 8s.

TO Father, Son, and Spirit,
God ever Three in One,
Let glory due Thy merit,
By angel choirs begun,
As in the countless ages past,
Be sung while endless ages last.

20

7s, 5.

FATHER, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Three in One; from every coast,
Earth, and Heaven's adoring host,
Thy true Godhead praise.

Doxologies.

21

8s.

ALL praise to the Father, the Son,
And Spirit, thrice holy and blest,
Th' eternal, supreme Three in One,
Was, is, and shall still be addressed.

22

8s, 6 l.

TO God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Be glory in the highest given,
By all in earth, and all in heaven;
As was through ages heretofore,
Is now, and shall be evermore.

23

8s, D.

ETERNAL Father! throned above,
Thou Fountain of redeeming love!
Eternal Word! Who left Thy throne
For man's rebellion to atone;
Eternal Spirit, Who dost give
That grace whereby our spirits live:
Thou God of our salvation, be
Eternal praises paid to Thee.

24

8s, 4.

TO Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Our God forever Three in One,
Be praise from men and angel host,
While ages run.

Doxologies.

25

8s, 4s, 8s, 4.

FATHER, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Thou One in Three,
Praise to Thine eternal merit,
All praise to Thee:
From the morning of creation,
From the tribes of every nation,
Glory, power, and adoration,
Thine ever be.

26

8s, 6.

O HOLY Father, Holy Son,
And Holy Ghost, God Three in One,
While everlasting ages run,
All glory be to Thee.

27

8s, 7s.

PRAISE the Father, earth and heaven,
Praise the Son, the Spirit praise;
As it was, and is, be given
Glory through eternal days.

28

8s, 7s, 6l.

PRAISE and honor to the Father,
Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One;
One in might and one in glory
While eternal ages run.

Doxologies.

29

8s, 7s, D.

PRAISE the God of all creation;
Praise the Father's boundless love:
Praise the Lamb, our expiation,
Priest and King enthroned above:
Praise the Fountain of salvation,
Him by whom our spirits live;
Undivided adoration
To the one Jehovah give.

30

8s, 7s, 4.

GLORY be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit,
Great Jehovah, Three in One:
Glory, glory,
While eternal ages run.

31

8s, 7s, 4, 7.

GREAT Jehovah! we adore Thee,
God the Father, God the Son,
God the Spirit, joined in glory
On the same eternal throne:
Endless praises
To Jehovah, Three in One.

32

8s, 7s, 7, 7.

PRAISE the Father throned in heaven;
Praise the everlasting Son;
Praise the Spirit freely given:
Praise the blessèd Three in One.
As of old, the Trinity
Still is worshipped, still shall be.

Doxologies.

33

8s, 7s, 8, 8, 7.

TO Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
Supreme o'er earth and heaven,
Eternal Three in One confest,
Be highest glory given,
As hath been from the ages past,
And shall be while the ages last,
By all in earth and heaven.

34

9s, 8s.

TO God the Father, Son, and Spirit,
The everlasting Three in One,
Be glory due Thy boundless merit,
While never-ending ages run.

35

10s.

AND now to God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, ever Three in One,
Be praise from all on earth and all in heaven,
As was, and is, and ever shall be given.

36

10s, 11s.

ALL glory to God, the Father and Son,
And Spirit of grace, the great Three in One;
Let brightest ascriptions forever be given
By all the creation on earth and in heaven.

Doxologies.

37

11s.

O FATHER Almighty, to Thee be addressed,
With Christ and the Spirit, One God ever
blest,
All glory and worship from earth and from
heaven,
As was, and is now, and shall ever be given.

38

11s.

COME, let us adore Him! come, bow at His
feet!
Oh, give Him the glory, the praise that is meet!
Let joyful hosannas unceasing arise,
And join the full chorus that gladdens the skies!

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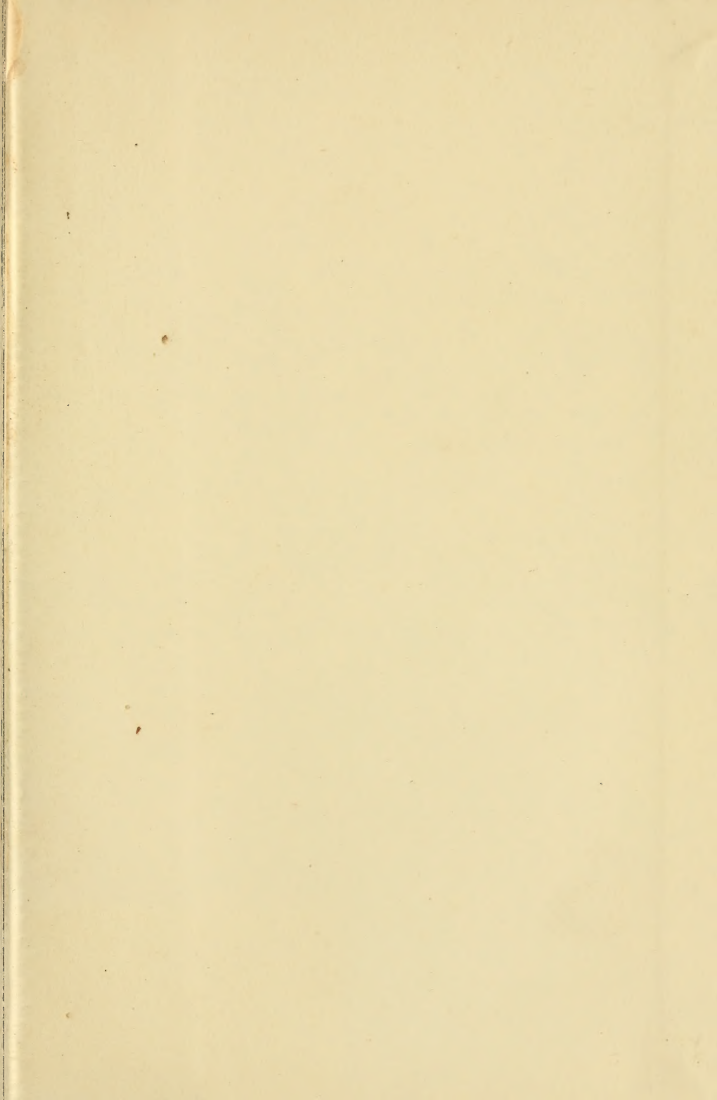
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